

March 29, 1960

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Marshalltown, Iowa

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 23, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, it is not within the scope of this Bureau's authority to make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual since we are strictly a fact-gathering agency. Furnishing data of the type you desire would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the individual you named, and I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have the related data in our files.

Enclosed is some material concerning communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Ingram \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

- God and Country or Communism?
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- The Communists are After Our Minds
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- Statement Concerning 17th National Convention of CP

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with either [Redacted] about whom correspondent inquired.

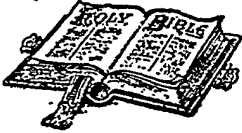
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SUN. MORNING WORSHIP	11:00 A.M.
SUN. YOUTH SERVICE	6:45 P.M.
SUN. EVENING SERVICE	7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY PRAYER SERVICE	7:45 P.M.

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PHONE 2-0565

Marshalltown, Ia.

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*Dear Sir - I just...*

DEAR SIR:

I would like some information about a  
MAN if it is possible to get it. I understand there  
are 8000 Communists in the ministry. I belong to the  
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES which is opposed  
to the world council because of the Communists that  
this man's name is Rev. [redacted] He is Chaplain  
of the Iowa Methodist Hospital at Des Moines. He does  
believe the Bible and he won't allow the gospel to be given  
out to people in the hospital. He won't allow the girls to study  
the Bible in their rooms. They have to go to a class which  
he teaches, which is very liberal and Communistic.

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I travel all over the world giving out the gospel literature  
or Bibles. I will soon be in Israel. I gave a girl who is a  
tract with Bible verses in it and he not only insulted me but  
tried to get me to deny the gospel which I believe. BISHOP D  
was his personal instructor. DYNAM [redacted] IS IN YOUR FILE  
FOR HAVING BEEN IN MANY COMMUNIST FRONTs.

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Please send me the information if [redacted] is in your file  
or send information to my minister whose address is at the top  
of the page. Thank you

Yours in Christ  
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UNITED STATES

# Memorandum

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TO : A. H. Belmont *MSB*

DATE: March 18, 1960

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: *Communist Infiltration*  
 COMMUNISM AND RELIGION *INTO RELIGION*  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - C

A review of the House Committee on Un-American Activities' (HCUA) Report concerning the hearings on 2/25/60 regarding Air Force Training Manual noted that on page 1303 Richard Arens of the HCUA stated that thus far HCUA had found over 100 persons in the leadership capacity of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes. Memorandum Baumgardner to Belmont dated 3/15/60 recommended that Mr. DeLoach contact his sources at HCUA and secure the list of the "over 100 persons" and, if possible, the HCUA's listing of communist affiliations for each. We desired this information in order that our brief, "Communism and Religion," which we are preparing for the Director would be complete in that respect.

HCUA was contacted on this matter on 3/16/60, at which time a contact at HCUA confidentially advised that he did not believe HCUA had actually compiled such a list but he would check on the matter and let us know. On the late afternoon of 3/17/60 the HCUA contact furnished a list of 67 names, stating that this was the total compilation they had to date of individuals with "more than four communist affiliations." The source further stated that if and when a further compilation was made he would furnish the additional listing.

A review of the list of 67 as furnished discloses it to be most incomplete and unsatisfactory for our purpose. It is merely a list of names without any further identifying data concerning the individuals listed therein. Particularly lacking is any identifying data showing the connection of the individuals with the NCCC. Review also discloses that there are several names included thereon of individuals who definitely are not ministers and who generally are not occupied in the general field of religion. We are already aware of some of the names appearing on the list as being either current or past officers of the NCCC or individuals who were connected with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible project, and some of these are not ministers

RECOMMENDATION:

As noted above the list thus far furnished is not suitable for our purpose. Mr. DeLoach should keep after the HCUA for the complete

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- 1 - 100-50869 (NCCC)
- 1 - 61-7582 (HCUA)

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont  
Re: Communism and Religion  
100-403529

list of "over 100 persons" and should request HCUA to include for each individual his connection with the NCCC together with the communist affiliations of each. We are not holding up our brief for the Director for this material; however, upon receipt of the complete documented list we will review it and decide whether or not data pertaining to it and the individuals listed therein should be included in the brief at a later date.

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(List Attached)

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Source Code

- '51 CFA - Christian Faith in Action (Constituting Convention of the National Council of Churches, 1950.)
- '52 W - Workbook of NCC General Assembly, Denver Colorado, December 9-12, 1952.
- '54 BR - NCC Biennial Report 1954
- '57 W - NCC Workbook, General Assembly 1957
- YAC '60 - Yearbook of American Churches for 1960

Individual members of the National Council of Churches  
a record of one or more Communist Front affiliations

[Redacted]  
First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
NCC General Assembly appointee 1957-1960 - (157w p 7)

[Redacted] Nashville, Tenn.  
General Board Member (1954-1957)  
General Assembly Appointee (1957-1960) (157w. p. )

[Redacted] (YAC '60, p )

✓ Most [Redacted] Vice President at Large *ASIFB 1940* (YAC '60 )

[Redacted]  
Los Angeles California  
Representative to the General Assembly,  
Constituting Convention of the National Council of Churches  
(GFA )

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2 ✓ Rev. Roswell P. Barnes  
297 - Fourth Ave, N.Y.C. *NORTH AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE AID OF SCIENCE*  
NCC Associate General Secretary  
NCC Alternate Representative to U.S. Conference of Churches  
(157w. )

[Redacted]  
Consultant for Church World Service, Inc. *Organized into NCC in 1950*

✓ John C. Bennett  
Delegate to the World Order Stud. Conference  
November 18-21, 1958.

10 ✓ [Redacted] New Brunswick, Seminar *Pr.*  
Bible Revision Committee *ASIS*

✓ [Redacted] Cordell, Georgia  
Bible Revision Committee [Redacted]

[Redacted] N.Y.C.  
Representative to the NCC General Assembly  
General Board Member 1953-54 and  
Representative to Gen. Assembly 1955-56

[Redacted]

1938-1940  
Bible Revision Committee

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N.Y.C.  
General Board Member &  
Representative to General Assembly

[Redacted]

McPherson, Kan.  
General Assembly appointee, Representative to General Assembly  
(1957-1960)

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake  
10 Witherspoon Bldg. Philadelphia  
General Assembly - 1955-56  
General Board Member, 1955-56  
Rep. to General Assembly, 1945-50  
President of National Council of Churches

[Redacted]

Tennessee  
Representative to General Assembly

[Redacted]

First Methodist Church, Evansville  
General Board Member  
Representative to General Assembly

[Redacted]

Representative to the  
Convention of the National Council of Churches

[Redacted]

(J.W.C.)  
Atlanta, Georgia - Methodist Church  
Representative to the General Assembly at the  
of the National Council of Churches

Walter Russell Bowie - Grace Church New York  
Bible Revision Committee

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Des Moines, Iowa - Methodist Church  
Representative to the General Assembly at  
of the National Council of Churches

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[Redacted]

Clark College  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Representative to the General Assembly

(57w, p.11)

[Redacted]

New Orleans 13, La.  
Representative to the General Assembly

(152w, p. 12)

✓ Erlo Ayers Brown  
Drew University  
Bible Revision Committee

① UNITED AMER. SPANISH AID COMM. - 1940  
② AMER. RESCUE SHIP MISSION - 1940  
③ ACPFB - 1941

[Redacted]

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✓ Millar Burrows  
Yale University  
Bible Revision Committee

① CIT. COMM. TO FREE EARL BROWDER - 1941  
② AMER. COMM. FOR YUGO. RELIEF - 1947

✓ Henry J. Cadbury  
Harvard University  
Bible Revision Committee

① SP. REFUGEE RELIEF COMM. - 1940  
② JAFRC - 1947; ③ COMM. ON PEACEFUL ALT - 1949;  
④ MINUTE WOMEN FOR PEACE - 1950; ⑤ PEACE  
COUNCIL CENTER - 1959

[Redacted]

(shown as [Redacted] on 3/15/60 list)

Pasadena, California

Representative to the General Assembly at the Constituting Convention  
of the National Council of Churches.

(CFA '50, p.164)

✓ Samuel McCrea Cavert  
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.C.

NCC Representative to the United States Conference for the World  
Council of Churches.

(157w, p. 28)

[Redacted]

Disciples of Christ - [Redacted] Lexington, Ky.  
Representative - Kentucky Council of Churches.

(157w, p.20)

[Redacted]

3, Mo.

Representative to the General Assembly &  
General Board Member

(157w, p.11 - 25.)

[Redacted]

Atlanta Georgia

Representative to the General Assembly, Constituting Convention of  
the National Council of Churches.

(CFA - '50, p.159)

[Redacted]

Executive Director, Department of Town & Country Church, Division of  
Home Missions, NCC.

(YAC '58, p.6)

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1 [redacted]  
Director of Christian Social Relations Program  
General Department of United Church Women (YAC 196, p. )

2 [redacted]  
Executive Director, NCC Department of Family Life  
Commission on General Christian Education (YAC 1960, p. 5)

2 [redacted] N.Y.C.  
Representative to the General Assembly, 1955-1956 ('54 br, p.10)  
" " " " 1957-1960 ('57w, p.18)

1 [redacted] Cleveland Ohio  
Representative to the General Assembly 1957-1960 ('57w, p.8)

[redacted] Portland Oregon  
Representative to the General Assembly ('54 br, p.12).

14+ ✓ Frederick C. Grant (CIT. Comm. For Hardy Revision - 1941)  
Bible Seabury-Western Theological Seminary  
Bible Revision Committee

4+ [redacted] Atlanta 14, Georgia  
Representative to the General Assembly, 1957-1960 ('57w, p. )

2 [redacted] Minneapolis 8, Minn.  
Representative to the General Assembly 1957-1960 ('57w, p.12)  
~~General Board Member (1954-1957)-----('57w, p.23)~~

1 Gross, Ernest A.  
Chairman of NCC International Affairs Department (Evo. Stud. p. A-11)

2 ✓ Francis Stewart Harmon *no ident. subv. data*  
NCC Vice President at large (YAC '60. p. )

4+ [redacted] Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.  
Representative to the General Assembly, 1957-1960 ('57w, p.10)

4+ [redacted] Union Memorial Methodist Church  
St. Louis Missouri  
Representative to the General Assembly, 1957-1960 ('57w, p. )

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Providence 3, R.I.  
Representative to the General Assembly 1957-1960 ('57w. p. 1)

[redacted]  
Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio  
Representative to The General Assembly 1955-1956 ('54br. p. 1)

[redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio  
Representative to the General Assembly 1953-1954 ('52 w. p. 1)

[redacted] Elgin, Illinois *No. ident. subv. data.*  
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[redacted] Washington, D.C.  
Representative to the General Assembly ('57w, p. 1)

[redacted] St. Louis, Mo.  
General Board Member 1954-1957 ('57w, p. 2)

[redacted] - *Chairman for Rosenbergs - 1/53*  
Chairman of International Council of Religious Education; General  
secretary, World's Sunday School Association.  
Bible Revision Committee

✓ Fred A. Hoskins *① Signer of ACPFB let - 1951*  
4+ 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N.Y. *② Russian was del. - 1952*  
General Board Member 1954-1957 ('57w, p. 26)

2 [redacted]  
Associate Director (Asia and Non-European Areas)  
Central Department of Church World Service9 (YAC '60, p. 1)

4+ [redacted] Gary, Indiana  
Representative to the General Assembly 1953-1954 ('52w. p. 2)

4+ [redacted] *① Protected indictment of 12 CP leaders - 1949; ②*  
University of the South *Info Center - 1950; ③ World Service Congress - 1950;*  
Bible Revision Committee *④ IWO, report - 1950; ⑤ APC - 1951; ⑥ NCNMA - 1952;*  
*⑦ ACPFB - 1955, 1956.*

*in - [unclear]*

4+ [redacted] - [redacted] Howard University  
Delegate to the World Order Study Conference, NCC, Cleveland, Ohio  
Nov. 18-21, 1958.

11- [redacted]  
Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina  
Representative to the General Assembly 1955-56 (154br, p. 12)

11- [redacted] Los Angeles, Calif.  
Representative to the General Assembly - (157w, p. 12)

11+ [redacted] New York, N.Y.  
Representative to the General Assembly (157w, p.14)

3 [redacted] Forrest Grove, Oregon  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w, p. 12)

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4 [redacted]  
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2 [redacted] Washington, D.C.  
Representative to the General Assembly, &  
General Board Member (157w, p. 18, 25)

1 [redacted]  
President of the Ohio Council of Churches, 1950 (NFI 2/9/49) p.5)

3 [redacted]  
Bureau of Research and Survey (YAC '60 p.p.8)

2 [redacted] Syracuse 2, N.Y.  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w, p. 12)

11- [redacted]  
World Council of Churches 1950-52 (Who's Who, Vol. 30)

[redacted] Overland 14, MO.  
Representative of Missouri Council of Churches (157w, p.20)

[redacted] Boston 16, Mass  
Representative to the General Assembly (157w, p.12)

[redacted] Baltimore 17, Md.  
Representative to the General Assembly (154BR - p.12)

① - Significant petition to withdraw AECUA - 1957.  
②  
Mark John A. Mackay  
The Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey  
Representative to the General Assembly 1950  
General Board Member, 1953-54 (154 br, p. 16)

[redacted] Chicago Illinois  
Bible Revision Committee  
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[redacted] Chicago, Ill.  
Representative to the General Assembly, Constituting Convention of  
the National Council of Churches 1950 (CFA '50, p.164)

[redacted] Newton Center, Massachusetts  
Representative of Division of Christian Education (named from  
General Assembly membership:) (154, p.26)

[redacted], Park Ridge, Ill.  
Alternate Representative of International Council of Community  
Churches (157w, p.21)

Department of International Affairs:  
Executive Director of Division of Christian Life and Work (YAC '60, p.6)

[redacted] N.Y.C.  
Representative to General Assembly 201 (154br, p.15); (157w, p. 14)

4+ Benjamin E. Mays ① NFCL; ② CRC; ③ MCA & F; ④ ACFB =  
Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. *contacted in 1950*  
Representative to General Assembly 1957-1960 (157w, p. 14)

[Redacted]

Topeka, Kansas  
Representative to the General Assembly

(154br, p. 1)

[Redacted]

NCC office of Finance

(YAC, p. 1)

James Moffatt  
Union Theological Seminary  
Bible Revision Committee

*"Protestant Digest" (HCUA att'd) - 1941*

[Redacted]

The Methodist Church, 581 Haas Ave., San Leandro, Calif.  
Representative to the General Assembly

(157w, p. 1)

Walter G. Muelder  
Boston University, School of Theology  
745 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, Mass.  
Representative to the General Assembly

(154br, p. 1)

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A.J. Muste  
Delegate to the World Order Study Conference, NCC  
Cleveland Ohio, 11/18-21/58

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Boston, Mass.  
Representative to the General Assembly

(154br, p. 1)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Des Moines, Iowa  
Representative of the Iowa Council of Churches

(157w, p. 1)

[Redacted]

NCC Staff, Christian Life & Work Division, Religion  
Department (NCC leaflet attached to official letter)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] New York, N.Y.  
(157w, p. 7)

On page 8 of same publication, [Redacted]  
listed as representative to the General Assembly, but the  
given is [Redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

[Redacted]

Univer . . . , Chicago, Ill.  
Representative to the General Assembly

(157w. . .)

Bishop GBromley Oxnam  
100 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C.  
Representative to the General Assembly  
General Board Member (1954-57)  
NCC Vice President for Division of Christian Life and Work

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before H.C. was in 1953-54  
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Executive Secretary, Pasadena Council of Churches

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Clarence E. Pickett  
Delegate to the World Order Study Conference,

[Redacted]

Denver, Colorado  
Representative to the General Assembly

(52w. . .)

[Redacted]

Representative to the General Assembly

Harrisburg

(157w. . .)

[Redacted]

New York City  
Representative to the General Assembly

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[Redacted]

Los Angeles, Calif  
Representative to the General Assembly

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[Redacted]

Associate Executive Director Department of International  
Division of Christian Life and Work

(Y.A. . .)

[Redacted]

Harrisburg Pa.  
Representative of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Detroit, Michigan  
Representative to the General Assembly &  
General Board Member 1954-1957

(157w, p. 15)

[Redacted]

NCC Division of Home Missions (YAC'50, p. 1)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Washington D.C.  
Representative to the General Assembly

(157w, p. 8)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Washington D.C.  
Panel of Ten Representing City and County Council of Churches

(157w, p. 21)

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[Redacted] Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia  
Revision Committee

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] Denver 18, Colorado  
Representative to the General Assembly

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[Redacted]

[Redacted] New York City  
Representative to the General Assembly

(152w, p. 10)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Mobile, Alabama  
Representative to the General Assembly &  
General Board Member

(154br, p. 15)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] New York  
Representative to the General Assembly at the Constitutive Conv. of  
the National Council of Churches (CFA'50, p. 1)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Division of Home Missions  
Dir. of Department of the Urban Church (YAC'50, p. 1)



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*... 11700 Affiliation*

[Redacted]

St. Louis, Missouri  
representative to the General Assembly

(152w, p. ...)

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*mid century Conference for Peace - 1950*

... Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri  
... ion Committee

[Redacted]

Cleveland, Ohio

representative to the General Assembly

(152w, p. ...)

[Redacted]

Maryland

representative to the General Assembly of the Constitution  
of the National Council of Churches

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[Redacted]

Philadelphia, Penna.

representative to the General Assembly

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[Redacted]

① NCASF - 1953, 1946, 1947

[Redacted] New York City

② JCPFB - 1953

representative to the General Assembly &

General Board Member

(157w, p. 16, ...)

Current 1950

W. B. Julian Smith

*Southern Negro Youth Congress - 1939*

South Calumet, Chicago, Ill.

③ Rosenberg Appeal - 1952

representative to the General Assembly &

General Board Member

(157w, p. ...)

... Vice President at Large

(YAC 16, ...)

[Redacted]

[Redacted] New York City

representative to the General Assembly

(157w, p. 13)

[Redacted]

... Methodist Church, Loveland, Colorado

representative to the General Assembly

(157w, p. ...)

[redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D.C.  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w)

[redacted] *no ident. subv. data*  
Harrisburg, Penna. - Loc. 1008 '56  
Bible Revision Committee

142 [redacted]  
405 East Murphy Street, Odessa, Texas  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w, p. 1)

[redacted]  
[redacted] Boston, Mass.  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w, p. 1)

[redacted]  
[redacted] New York City  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w, p. 1)

142 [redacted]  
Delegate to the World Order Study Conference, National C  
of Churches, Cleveland Ohio, Nov. 18-21, 1958.

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[redacted]  
New York City  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w, p. 1)

142 [redacted] *no ident. subv. data*  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Bible Revision Committee

142 [redacted] Memphis, Tenn.  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w)

142 [redacted] Chicago, Ill.  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w)

142 [redacted] Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Representative to the General Assembly (152w, p. 1)

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Providence 6, R.I.  
Representative of Rhode Island State Council of Churches (157w, p. 11, 221)

3 Henry Pitney VanDusen  
2041 Broadway, New York, N.Y.  
Representative to the General Assembly &  
General Board Member (157w, p. 11, 221)

7 Walter VanKirk (deceased)  
Author of "The Church and the United Nations" published  
Head of NCC International Department (NYT 3/18/50, p. 27)

[Redacted]

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VP Rev. James E. Wagner  
915 Schaff Bldg. *no subv. data.*  
1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penna.  
Representative to General Assembly (157w, p. 11, 221)  
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[Redacted]

44 St. Louis Missouri  
On Panel of 10 representing City and County Councils of year  
(157w, p. 11, 221)

[Redacted]

44 [Redacted] Chicago, Ill.  
Representative to the General Assembly (157w, p. 11, 221)

[Redacted]

1 [Redacted] New York City  
Representative to the General Assembly &  
Chairman of NCC Central Department of Church World Service  
(157w, p. 11, 221)

- ① ACDF - 1940
- ② NECL - 1944
- ③ ACYR - 1947
- ④ CRC - 1947/1948
- ⑤ JAFRC - 1950
- ⑥ ACPFB - 1950
- ⑦ IWO - 1951
- ⑧ CCLA - 1953
- ⑨ NCSIRC - 1954
- ⑩ Smith Act protest - 1958

4- ✓ Leroy Waterman  
 University of Michigan  
 Bible Revision Committee

1- [redacted] - unable to locate NCOA affiliation  
 is NCC Vice Pres. at large - YAC '60, p.5  
 no subv. data

2- ✓ Luther A. Weigle  
 Yale University Divinity School  
 Bible Revision Committee

- ① appeal for lifting Spanish embargo - 1938
- ② NACASD - 1937
- ③ CCELE (HCUA cited) -
- ④ AFSD - (HCUA cited) - 1937

2- [redacted], Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Representative of the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches  
 (157W, p.18)

3- [redacted]  
 Columbus, Ohio  
 Representative to the General Assembly (1954-1955)

1- ✓ [redacted] ① Amer. Round Table on India - 1943  
 Boston, Mass.  
 Bible Revision Committee

2- [redacted] Denver, Colorado  
 Representative of Colorado Council of Churches (157W, p.19)

3- [redacted] Pittsburgh, Penna.  
 Representative to the General Assembly at the Constitutional Convention  
 of the National Council of Churches (CFA '50, p.1)

3- [redacted] Washington, D.C.  
 Representative to the General Assembly at the Constitutional Convention  
 of the National Council of Churches (CFA '50, p.1)

4- ✓ [redacted] New Orleans, La.  
 Representative to the General Assembly (157W, p.1)

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Mr. Parsons

March 25, 1960

Mr. Belmont

- 1 - Mr. Parsons (Encl)
- 1 - Mr. Mohr (Encl)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont (Encl)
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Encl)
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner (Encl)
- 1 - Mr. Kleinlauf (Encl)

"COMMUNISM AND RELIGION"  
MARCH, 1960

*100-403529-112*  
*into Religion*

In accordance with the Director's request, there is enclosed the "Communist Infiltration and Religion" prepared as of March, 1960. This is the result of our study of this matter.

This brief consists of three parts:

Volume I - Narrative Account

This volume of the brief contains a concise picture in narrative form of the general subject matter of communism and religion, including communist infiltration into churches, as compiled in March, 1960. It gives all essential information necessary with respect to this study. In the event the reader of Volume I may desire more details concerning a particular subject matter, such details are set out in Volume II. In certain instances in Volume I we have referred the reader to specific pages in Volume II in order to show the reader where he can obtain the names and background data concerning the ministers and church workers who are on our Security Index and the names and background data concerning the present and past officers of the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

Volume II - Detailed Study

This volume contains the "backup" material for Volume I and shows in detail the research and information from which we have compiled Volume I.

Volume III - Exhibits

This is the Exhibits Section of the brief containing the exhibits referred to in Volume II. These exhibits consist of individual detailed memoranda concerning various persons referred to in Volume II who have had extensive activity in communist organizations. Also included is a Photostat of the pertinent portion of the controversial Air Reserve Center Training Manual. We are holding Volume III in the Domestic Intelligence Division for reference purposes.

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Enclosed are 5 copies of the brief retained in Director's Office.

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*4-7-60*

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EX-132 DATE 4-24-76 BY SP4-CST/DM #347,324

Mar 28, 60

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover;

Dear Sir;

Would you please send me some answers to a controversial question that is before the public at present?

The question pertains to whether or not there are summing commies in our churches & who they are & what is going to be done with them?

Recently at Presbytery this question was raised, & Rev. Carl Mc Entyre of Collingwood N. J.'s name was brought up & he was branded a former commie who is trying to smear others with the dirty stick. Now is this charge true or false? also 4 other names have been mentioned, M. G. Lowman - Cincinnati

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ack Major Ed. Bundy

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Madison Wis.

Billy James Hanger Tulsa Okla.

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I believe we as citizens are entitled to protection from such ilk as this and all such scum should be transported along with any sympathizers & collaborators that are around.

I hope you have the answers to these questions & will appreciate a reply.

Yours truly,

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West Lebanon

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/s/ [Redacted]

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1 - Mr. Shaw

April 6, 1960

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Communist infiltration  
into Religion

[Redacted]  
West Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter dated March 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the type of information you have requested.

I am, however, enclosing some literature concerning the menace of communism to this country which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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APR 6 - 1960  
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ENCLOSURES (8)

1 - Pittsburgh (Enclosure) (See note page two)

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE THREE

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
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- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Ingram \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENTION: SAC, PITTSBURGH

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent or [REDACTED].

Dr. Billy James Hargis is a nondenominational minister and has been described as a "hillbilly-type evangelist." In late 1957 he was the subject of a Registration Act investigation by the Bureau following his contacts with the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and a visit to that country. The Department, in April, 1958, however, advised that there was insufficient evidence to establish that he was an agent of the Dominican Republic. (97-3475)

Bufiles reveal that Edgar C. Bundy is the general chairman of the Church League of America. He is a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country against communism. Bundy is the subject of a closed impersonation case inasmuch as inquiries have been received by the Bureau indicating that he may have represented himself as a former employee of the Bureau in some of his lectures. Investigation disclosed no substantiation of the impersonation allegation. (100-458064)

M. G. Lowman is executive secretary of Circuit Riders, Inc., an organization which was reportedly established to combat suspected communist influences in religion. This organization has criticized the policies of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. (62-99405-139)

Reverend Carl McIntire, pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey, is somewhat of a controversial figure. He has been an outspoken foe of the NCCC and has bitterly criticized the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which was a project of the NCCC. He has stated publicly that the communists are using the NCCC. (94-37990)

NOTE TO SAC, PITTSBURGH, CONTINUED PAGE THREE

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NOTE TO SAC, PITTSBURGH CONTINUED:

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Statement by Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, U.S.A., December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
3. "Communist 'New Look,' A Study in Duplicity."
4. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
8. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent inquires as to whether there are communists in our churches and what is going to be done with them. He also inquires as to the subversive sympathies of Reverend Carl McIntire, M. G. Lowman, Major Edwin Bundy, [REDACTED] and Billy Hargis.

1 - Mr. Shaw

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April 11, 1960

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[Redacted]

Santa Barbara, California

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter postmarked April 1, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the type of information you have requested. I am sure you understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten initials]*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (3)

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1 - Los Angeles (Enclosure) (See note page two)

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES

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The Air Force Manual was recently the subject of considerable publicity following protests by the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) that the Manual linked communism with the United States churches. The Air Force subsequently withdrew the Manual. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent is concerned about the possible heavy concentration of communists in our churches. She inquires as to whether we have any information concerning communist infiltration of churches. She also inquires as to why the information in the Air Force Manual was "hushed up." In view of the nature of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed that she should be advised of the confidential nature of our files and that the above reply will best serve the interest of the Bureau.

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Santa Barbara, California

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO  
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Dear Mr Hoover:  
I am writing about a possible heavy concentration of communists in our churches.

In the past year there have been two articles in our Presbyterian Life magazine denying that Cuba was infiltrated with communists. I brought it to the attention of our church but got no satisfaction. That same magazine took a very dim view of the recent exposure of the Air Force manual (Communism in our churches). It wasn't denied but looked upon as so much talk.

Another local person of another church, suspicious of the literature of her church got no satisfaction when writing to elected officials in Washington, so for that reason I am writing to you hoping you can set me straight. Is there or is there not communist infiltration of churches? If there is communist infiltration, why was the information in the Air Force manual pushed up? Haven't the people of this country a right to know what's going on?

I don't want my chick attending church where subversion exists. If our congressmen and representatives are subversive or are threatened with harm if they don't cover up, its high time the people know the facts.

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Most respectfully

[Redacted signature]

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- 1 - Los Angeles (encl)  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Most respectfully,

/s/

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CHRIST CHURCH

NEW ENGLAND AT SPRINGFIELD AVENUE  
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

MINISTERS



April 14th, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
INTO RELIGION

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The controversy over the National Council of Churches and the charges of infiltration by Communists has many people very confused and the Communists and Roman Catholics (I am very sure) happy. I am not confused about the National Council and the Revised Standard Version Committee for I know many of these fine and outstanding Americans.

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I am very confused over the fact that you have not made any statements (to my knowledge) concerning the status of these men, as Bishop Oxnam, Dr. Dahlberg, and Dr. Frederick C. Grant.

So I would like to know more about the charges being made. For example, is the American Civil Liberties Union a Communist front organization? Are the men I mentioned really Communist inspired? And do you have evidence that ministers are card carrying Communists?

In light of your book and your conclusion in which you point out that Communists are attempting to infiltrate our Churches, I am sure many rabble rousers are quoting you in support of all these charges against ministers and churches. Therefore, I urge you, if you are able, to send me information on the subject. And if these charges are false, then could you publicly make a statement to this effect?

Thank you for the wonderful job, you and your associates are doing.

Sincerely yours,



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P. S. I recently heard that your book, Masters of Deceit was not published in its original form and that you did not mean what is said, especially about Jewish organizations on Page 257.

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Christ Church  
New England at Springfield Avenue  
Summit, New Jersey

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② H. A. ...

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 12, 1960, and the motive which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated. Thank you for your kind comments regarding the activities of this Bureau.

You are correct in your belief that I have not made statements regarding the men you named. This Bureau has not investigated the American Civil Liberties Union and the function of the FBI does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character and integrity of individuals or organizations.

There can be no doubt that the communists are anxious to infiltrate the churches with their atheistic ideology for they, too, recognize that the churches are vital to the heritage and freedom of this country. We must never be mistaken in this fact, even though the overwhelming majority of clergymen are alert to the dangers of this serious menace.

My book was published in its original form and any report you may have heard to the contrary is false. I am enclosing some material relating to your inquiries which I thought you might like to see.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
House Committee Pamphlet on 17th National Convention, CP

Enclosures (3)

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NOTE: [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. While he obviously dislikes Catholics and by inference has questioned the Director's integrity, it is believed that we should not let a letter of this type go unanswered. Bishop Oxniam has not been investigated by the FBI although he has belonged to at least 15 different front groups. Dr. Dahlberg mentioned by [redacted] probably is identical with Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council of Churches, who is well-known pacifist and has also belonged to cited communist front groups. The "Daily Worker" of 5-30-42 reported that a Dr. Frederick C. Grant of Union Theological Seminary in New York filed a petition opposing the deportation order of Harry Bridges. 40-54637, 100-165766 and 62-101302.

We have not investigated the American Civil Liberties Union with headquarters in New York although various field offices have made inquiries relating to specific chapters of this organization. 61-190-27.

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A. H. Belmont

April 21, 1960

F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Reference is made to the memorandum Mr. Belmont to Mr. Parsens dated 4/20/60 captioned as above setting forth the results and analysis of our file review concerning the list of 160 names of individuals described as being in a leadership capacity of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes, which list was furnished us on 3/30/60 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA).

On 4/20/60 Mr. E. C. Kemper of Mr. DeLoach's office advised that he had received information from HCUA that due to a clerical error the names of Bishop [redacted] and [redacted] were included on the list but that they should not have been included as HCUA has no data of a subversive nature concerning them.

It is noted that Bishop [redacted] was referred to in the above-mentioned 4/20/60 memorandum, it being noted that he is currently a vice president at large of the NCCC. Our files show only one reference of a subversive nature to [redacted] and that reference relates to the fact that he was listed as a member of a discussion group at a 3/2/40 conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which organization has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Our files do not contain any identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning [redacted] who has been listed as a member of the Bible Revision Committee, a project sponsored by the NCCC which resulted in the preparation and adoption of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

**ACTION:** Submitted for record purposes. It is noted that the HCUA list is located in Bufile 100-403529-111.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 2, 1960

- Mr. Tolson ✓
- Mr. Mohr ✓
- Mr. Parsons ✓
- Mr. Belmont ✓
- Mr. Callahan ✓
- Mr. DeLoach ✓
- Mr. Malone ✓
- Mr. McGuire ✓
- Mr. Rosen ✓
- Mr. Tamm ✓
- Mr. Trotter ✓
- Mr. Jones ✓
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan ✓
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

The attached pamphlet entitled "Communist Infiltration In The Churches" by Dr. W. O. H. Garman was sent to the Director from Dr. Garman, Associated Gospel Churches, 1919 Beech Street, Pittsburgh 21, Penna.

The references to the Director and FBI have been marked.

The pamphlet is signed: "To J. Edgar Hoover with the compliments and very best wishes of W. O. H. Garman."

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*Communist  
Infiltration  
In The  
Churches*



By

**Dr. W. O. H. Garman,  
Chairman, Christians For Action  
President, Associated Gospel Churches  
1919 BEECH STREET  
PITTSBURGH 21, PENNA.**

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J. Edgar Hoover  
with the compliments  
and very best wishes of  
Sam Karman

By  
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Chairman, Christians For Action  
President, Associated Gospel Churches  
1919 Beech Street  
Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

*FACTS CONCERNING THE AUTHOR*

Rev. W. O. H. Garman, Th.M., D.D., is pastor of the Callender Memorial Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa., President of the Associated Gospel Churches, Chairman Christians For Action, a past Vice President International Council Christian Churches, past Chairman of its Commission on International Affairs, past President of the American Council of Christian Churches, and past President Independent Fundamental Churches of America. Presently he is also Chairman Commission on Chaplains, Associated Gospel Churches.

He has traveled abroad extensively in connection with the work of the above Councils and upon invitation of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force, and every year visits military installations. His work has taken him around the world and into many military establishments.

Since 1932 when he organized the Altoona School of the Bible, he has been active in the teaching ministry in various Christian schools. Three years in succession he was invited by the President, U. S. Naval War College, to be a participant in "Global Strategy Discussions" held there. He also was a member of the Fourth Defense Orientation Conference, is a member of the American Ordnance Association, and has repeatedly witnessed and photographed the operation and use of the latest military equipment on land, in the air and on the seas. He received a citation from the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, for "out-standing service" in the Far East.

For over thirty years he has been accumulating documentation on subversion, espionage, communist infiltration in schools, churches, government, labor, education, the military, and on the mission field, and has worked in close association with other agencies making similar investigations.

He is author of, "The Life and Teachings of Christ", "What Is Wrong With the National Council of Churches", "How Red Are The Translators of the National Council of Churches Revised Standard Version of the Bible", "Oxnam Worked With Communists and Belonged To Communist Fronts", "God Save Our School", etc.

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## COMMUNIST INFILTRATION IN THE CHURCHES

by

Dr. W. O. H. Garman, Th.M., D.D.  
President, Associated Gospel Churches  
Chairman, Christians For Action

Once again a furor has been raised in this country by the National Council of Churches and the slanted press of the nation because it has again been declared that there are Reds in the churches. The U. S. House Committee on Un-American Activities, the F. B. I. and many others have been warning the nation of this shameful fact for many years. This time it was the U. S. Air Force which made the charge in its Manual on Security, which it was forced to withdraw. The statements objected to in the Air Force Manual, particularly by the National Council of Churches and the slanted press, are as follows:

*"Communism in Religion.* From a variety of authoritative sources, there appears to be overwhelming evidence of Communist anti-religious activity in the United States through the infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions." "The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. officially sponsored the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Of the 95 persons who served in this project, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications."-- "Another rather foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what's going on. Most people realize the foolhardiness of such a suggestion. If a football team should start telling the other side the plays it planned to use, their opponents would sweep them off the field. It's the same in war — hot or cold; if we tell our secrets, we are likely to be beaten, and beaten badly."

Since this Manual was dealing with security matters these statements being true were perfectly proper and in order. These statements were horribly garbled and twisted in some papers. That Reds had infiltrated and worked in high positions and he had worked with them, knowing their Communist affiliations, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Methodist Church, and former President of the then Federal, now the National Council of Churches, was forced to admit, as will be cited below, in his hearing before the House Committee July 21, 1953. We were there, sat right behind the Bishop and heard him make this frightful admission. So why all the outcry?

United States Navy Intelligence made a similar statement in 1935 concerning the then Federal Council, now National Council of Churches which pressured President Roosevelt to squelch Navy Intelligence, and he did, and sternly warned Navy Intelligence never to divulge such things again. In the present

instance the powerful, totalitarian, National Council of Churches once again pressured the Administration to repudiate the proven statement that Communism has infiltrated some churches. In obliging them the President, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force went back on their own intelligence and security forces and also indirectly discredited an arm of Congress and the Attorney General's office which together had investigated and found such charges to be true. The President has wined and dined Khrushchev the Red Butcher and head of Godless Anti Christian Communism and this at public expense. Now the Administration is covering up for known Reds operating in the churches. By doing such things the Administration with ample help from the Supreme Court has given Communism one of the greatest boosts that it has ever had in this country, made it to appear respectable, granted it certain immunity, given it a new lease on life, with the result that it now no longer needs to work underground and is flourishing at home and abroad. The head of this despicable anti Christian system is welcome in the White House, as are those who aid and abet the Communist-line.

The slanted press of the nation in coming to the assistance of the National Council of Churches, instead of honestly facing and answering the charges, resorted to name calling, ridicule, and abuse, was guilty of some very careless, inaccurate U. P. I. reporting, attacked the fundamentalists, dragged in utterly irrelevant things and by so doing sought to divert attention from the guilty National Council in which there have been many proven cases of Red infiltration and sought instead to discredit the fundamentalists groups which wouldn't tolerate Reds in their midst. The fundamentalists have given government agencies investigating Reds no matter where found every encouragement and assistance. The National Council to the contrary follows the communist line in its effort to smear, discredit and disband the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the Commies are also conducting a campaign to discredit the F. B. I. The type of reporting we are getting in the press often leaves a great deal to be desired. The editor of the Pittsburgh Press, a Scripps-Howard Newspaper, for February 18th, 1960, called those who tried to warn Air Force trainees that there were Reds operating in the churches, "bungleheads", "oafs", and referred to their charges as "unbelievably asinine" and as "idiocy". Louis Cassels, in the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph for Feb. 20, 1960 dragged in a lot of completely irrelevant material intended to discredit fundamentalist groups in the eyes of the public, but he failed miserably to do some true reporting, look up the available facts and see if there was evidence that Reds had infiltrated the churches, and report what he found. Similar statements no doubt appeared in papers all over the country. This goes to prove how shoddy, unfair, biased and slanted the subservient press of the nation has become, and how it has joined with the infiltrated, arrogant,

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dictatorial, National Council of Churches in its efforts to misrepresent, crush and suppress separated fundamentalist groups. One thing is evident and that is that fundamentalists and those who are fighting communist infiltration cannot expect fair treatment at the hands of slanted newspapers. Papers that were formerly conservative like the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph have departed from their former position. America is pretty far down the road to slavery and Communist domination, and the press, the Administration, the infiltrated National Council of Churches, certain labor unions, schools, T.V., the movies, and Supreme Court decisions, have all helped bring it where it is.

Now suppose we examine just a little of the available evidence, which the press of the nation should have examined, and see if it is true that Communism has infiltrated "some churches". What are the facts? The tragic facts that we are going to examine did not originate with the fundamentalists as Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President of the National Council claims, and they are not groundless charges, as press accounts seem to infer.

#### I.

#### *FIRST, VARIOUS REPORTS ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

For many years, this very important though much maligned but very necessary Committee of Congress, which the Reds hate and would disband has most courageously exposed communist infiltration, subversion, sabotage, espionage, etc. wherever found. It has rendered a magnificent service to the country in exposing the enemy working within. Particularly has it exposed the Moscow directed Communist apparatus as these Reds have worked within the government, the military, labor unions, the schools, and our churches, in an attempt to destroy free America, and make it the slave of communist Russia.

#### *1944 REPORT*

In its 1944 Report a vast number of Communist Party and Communist-front members are mentioned by name. Many of those who are cited for being members of Communist-fronts are leaders in the National Council of Churches. Included in this list are past presidents, secretaries, of the then Federal, now National Council of Churches. Eight of the prominent churchmen cited were translators of the National Council's inaccurate perverted, unitarian Revised Standard Version of the Bible, but later revelations increased the number to 30 translators. Listed in this report are such outstanding church figures, as, Dr. W. Russell Bowie 16, Dr. George A. Buttrick 2, Dr. J. Henry Carpenter 3, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert 1, Mrs. Cavert 6, Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin 10, Dr. Jerome Davis 40, Dr. Sherwood Eddy 10, Dr. E. Stanley Jones 2, Dr. Henry Smith Leiper 7, Dr. John A. Mackay

4, Bishop Francis J. McConnell 56, Dr. Ralph W. Sockman 1, Dr. Wm. B. Spofford 39, Dr. Harry F. Ward 64 and many others. The number after each name indicates the number of times they were cited for belonging to various Communist-fronts. Every true American and true follower of Christ was shocked no end by this revelation. *But even more shocking is the fact that subsequent exposures indicate that many of these clergymen have not lessened but greatly expanded their Communist-front connections.*

The clergymen involved, greatly resented being exposed and have ever since steadfastly fought for the abolishment of the Committee which exposed them.

It needs to be particularly pointed out that this exposure was not made by the fundamentalists but by a Committee of Congress seeking to preserve our nation and way of life. Dr. Dahlberg ought to procure this report and read it. Then perhaps he wouldn't make such unfounded charges.

As far as we know every man cited was a modernist, who in various ways denied the fundamental, cardinal tenets of the historic Christian faith as taught by Christ and the Apostles. They were some of the most outstanding leaders in their Council of Churches. It was because they were traitors to the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as members of traitorous Communist-fronts that separated fundamentalist groups withdrew from them, in accord with the Commands of God's Word, II Cor. 6:14-7:1, Eph. 5:11, II Tim. 3:5, II John 7-11, etc. Many in their Council were pacifists who sought to undermine every preparedness measure and leave America weak and helpless in the face of her Communist foes. Never once did we ever know of them criticizing Bloody Joe Stalin and his Red butchers. Instead they sang the praises of Communist Russia. The Administration, and the press of the nation needs to refresh its memories on some of these facts.

#### EXPOSURE OF THE METHODIST FEDERATION FOR SOCIAL ACTION

February 17, 1952

The next expose that we shall mention that the House Un-American Activities Committee made concerned the notorious and infamous Methodist Federation For Social Action, an 87 page pamphlet thoroughly documented. In 1937 Bishop Francis J. McConnell was President of the Federation, p. 4.

Editors of their Social Service Bulletin, as per page #3, and who were later on cited as being Communists, were Dr. Harry F. Ward, Bishop Oxnam's close friend, teacher and associate, and Winifred L. Chappell, a leader in Epworth League who encouraged Methodist youths to commit acts of sabotage. On Page #6, it is stated that, "*Bishop Oxnam, who as a student got his training from Dr. Harry F. Ward*" and it is declared "*Bishop Oxnam said he thor-*

oughly endorses the Methodist Federation of Social Service and the things for which it stands." Bishop Oxnam was one of its Executive Secretaries.

Now what according to this pamphlet are some of the things for which the Methodist Federation For Social Action stands: "Alliance of the pulpit with Communism", p. 4, Supported preachers dismissed from their pulpits for making "radical utterances", p. 4 "-- seeking the overthrow of the profit or private ownership system." p. 4. "The Federation terms the Soviet system as the most perfect yet devised by any nation." p. 4. "--overthrow of the present capitalistic system in the United States--." p. 6. "Private property, according to the pamphlets, is to be taken over without compensation to the owners and operated by useful social workers." p. 6. "Soviet Union is again commended." p. 6.

It is interesting to note in this pamphlet the radical difference between what Scripps-Howard papers were then and what some are now. Then they didn't try to cover up the Red infiltration in the churches but courageously exposed the same. A series of 1947 articles by Frederick Woltman, World-Telegram Staff Writer are quoted therein in which Mr. Woltman makes the following charges against the Methodist Federation for Social Action (now Social Service): -- "has closely followed the Communist party line on many issues." p. 7; "The federation favors Gen. Feng's solution for China" namely "the overthrow of Chiang Kai-shek and a coalition with the Chinese Communists." p. 7; "-- the greatest event of the 20th century thus far is the Soviet Revolution and all that it has meant to the human welfare." p. 8; "America's always wrong; Russia's always right." p. 8; "-- attack on America's foreign policies and a glowing defense of the Soviet Union--." p. 9; "The Keynoter was Jerome Davis, long an ardent Soviet apologist." p. 9; "Rev. Jack McMichael executive secretary and sparkplug" p. 8, "-- was once active in the Young Communist League and has been a diligent supporter of communist fronts to date-" p. 9., Jerome Davis was depicted as defending Russian slave labor camps and the seizure of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, p. 10; "The threats of Russian imperialism, of the revived Communist International and of Communist infiltration tactics in America were ignored completely by the Methodist Federation of Social Action at its annual conference just ended here." p. 10; "Against loyalty tests and listing of subversive's, p. 11; "It opposed compulsory military training and demanded we stop manufacturing atomic bombs." p. 11; "Dr. Ward has worked closely with the Communist party and its leaders for many years. He has written for the party's official organ, the Daily Worker, praising Marxism." -- "His cospeaker was Carl Marzani, recently sentenced by a federal jury to a year in prison for concealing his Communist party membership in order to retain a key post in the O. S. S. and later the State Department." p. 11. Mr. Woltman also declared

that this frightful pro-communist Methodist Federation For Social Action -- "*-- speaks in the name of 17 Methodist bishops and 4,000 Methodist clerics and laymen.*" p. 7. Jack McMichael its Executive Secretary was later on cited as a Communist.

We have only covered 12 pages of this shameful revelation of treason against God and Country, but surely this is sufficient to show the alarming extent to which the Methodist Church alone has been infiltrated by Communism.

The Methodist Church should hang its head in shame that it has tolerated such things. True Christians who are members of that church ought to ask God to forgive them for having supported such men by their contributions.

#### THE OXNAM HEARING JULY 21, 1953

At this hearing held before the House Un-American Activities Committee, July 21, 1953, in Washington, it was definitely established that Reds had infiltrated the church and were in very influential places, and that Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam had knowingly worked with them, perfectly aware of their communist party connections and subversive activities. This hearing was held in the very same room where Alger Hiss was tried. Alger Hiss was Chairman of a Committee of the Federal Council of Churches on limited United Nations. We sat in the front row, directly behind Bishop Oxnam and clearly heard everything that was said and took down 48 pages of notes. The meeting lasted until midnight and 49 exhibits were inserted in the record, much of it unfavorable to the Bishop who had gone to the meeting intending to bait the Committee.

In remarks made by Committee members at the hearing the following were named as having been declared Communists in testimony taken by the Committee formerly:-*Dr. Harry F. Ward*, professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and a most active official in the Methodist Federation For Social Action; the *Rev. Jack McMichael*, executive secretary of the Federation; *Winifred Chappell*, connected with the Federation and with the Epworth League; *Jerome Davis* who wrote *Behind Soviet Power*, a pro-communist book Bishop Oxnam sent to every pastor of the Methodist Church, and who wrote the article glorifying bloody Joseph Stalin as the servant of God and the common man which appeared in the official Methodist Sunday School publication, *The Classmate*, for July 20, 1947; and *Kirby Page*, a national figure in the National Council of Churches.

The Committee in presenting its evidence revealed that *Harry F. Ward with whom Bishop Oxnam had worked for many years had been a communist since 1919*, and that *Oxnam knew of Ward's communist position years before he broke with him*. It also revealed that *Prof. Ward sent Union Theological Seminary students to*

churches to serve not only as pastors but as agents for the Communist Party. Bishop Oxnam admitted that Prof. Ward had been a great "inspiration" to him and a dear friend. He admitted that he knew that Ward took the communist position. It was brought out that, throughout all the time that Oxnam was associated with Ward and Ward was having such an influence on his life, Ward was an active communist. He claimed, however, that he eventually broke with Ward in 1936 because of his communist position.

The Committee then confronted him with the fact that, when the Methodist Church had its big merger meeting in Kansas City, on May 15, 1939, Bishop Oxnam "paid" Harry F. Ward "a high tribute" of praise. The Bishop had to acknowledge that he had done so, claiming that he did so because of "all" that "Ward did for the Methodist Church." *The Bishop was censured for paying Ward such a tribute when he had known for some years prior to this that Ward was a communist.*

The Bishop was asked in the course of the hearing if he knew Winifred Chappell and he admitted that he did, and in response to questioning stated that in addition to being connected with the Methodist Federation, she served the Epworth League. *The Committee then revealed that Winifred Chappell during the war years, writing in the Epworth Herald, had encouraged Methodist youth to go into the armed forces, the munitions factories, etc., and not only sabotage the war effort but do so with the intent of overthrowing our economy. This was treason.*

Bishop Oxnam not only admitted that Winifred Chappell did this, but he admitted that the Methodist Church did nothing about it, stating that the Methodist Church did not discipline its members for making statements. What is more, he also admitted that, when he discovered that Ward and McMichael were communists, he did not inform on them and that the Methodist Church took no action to discipline them. His weakest and most pathetic defense was at this point. Repeatedly in the testimony, when confronted by the Committee and asked why he did not do something to expose these people and rid the Church of them, he weakly pled that the Church was not in a position to do so. He suggested that the Committee appear before the proper Methodist authorities and testify against Ward and McMichael. The Committee then confronted him with his recent article in the Sunday papers, "How to Uncover Communism," in which he had declared that the work of dealing with Reds in the churches "should be left up to the clergy," a work which he and other Methodist leaders had, as the testimony brought out, failed to perform. *The failure of the Methodist Church to act more than justified the Committee in its present investigation.*

Altogether, "49" exhibits, we are told, were filed in the on a heated controversy with the Committee before the hearing.

He had requested this hearing to protest what he claimed were certain inaccuracies which appeared in particular in a certain newspaper account in the Committee's file, and one of the releases which the Hon. John Rankin, a former chairman of the Committee, had made. He demanded that in the future every single newspaper account on any matter the Committee was interested in be verified before being released.

He received most unusual consideration at every turn. *The newspapers, too, were exceptionally lenient with him in their accounts, omitting much that reflected on him.* He was permitted to begin by reading a statement. He came apparently expecting to deal only with the few incidents which were supposedly inaccurate. It is possible that he hoped to discredit the Committee by so doing and thereby undermine its work. In past years and since, he has joined with those seeking its abolishment. The Committee, however, surprised him by confronting him with a lot of evidence he only too obviously did not know that they had in the record, and he was quite indignant. As they say it in common parlance, the Committee really threw the book at him before they were through.

Oxnam began by attacking the Committee for not only alleged inaccuracies but for placing the material in its files, as a "wicked tool" in the hands of "irresponsible" persons, and he named the American Council of Christian Churches and the American Council of Christian Laymen, both of which he said were seeking to "destroy" him. It was very evident that the documented exposures these organizations had made of him were really hurting him and the National Council of Churches with which he is connected.

Before the hearing was over the Committee was really putting Oxnam in his place. *Never have we seen a Christian leader's connections and his knowledge and judgment more thoroughly discredited or made more ludicrous than were his.* Time and again instead of giving a direct reply, he tried to make a speech, or he remarked, "I don't remember," or, "I don't recollect," etc. Several times the chairman remarked to him that if he did remember later on would he please be kind enough to let the Committee know.

It was pathetic when Congressman Clardy asked him to explain how his name found its way on the letterheads of so many fronts and wondered if it were possible that the communists had put him on their "sucker list." He readily admitted that this might be true, apparently not realizing the reflection this was on his intelligence. Congressman Walters asked him, "Don't you think you were very careless?" namely, in permitting so many fronts to use his name. Chairman Velde remarked to him, "*It is perplexing to the Committee how you could be a member of all these organizations without knowing what they were.*" Velde call-



ed the Bishop twice on this point during the hearing and received no satisfactory explanation.

Congressman Walter took the Bishop to task for having declared in a report that the immigration law of the land was "asinine," asking him, "What useful purpose did you think you were serving by making an attack on the law of the land?" Chairman Velde in commenting on other remarks the Bishop had made accused him of saying "something about the law which is not true." Congressman Clardy remarked to him on one occasion, "*I want the truth, but you are making it 'hard to drag it out of you.'*" Toward the close of the hearing Congressman Clardy told the Bishop, "*I do think you are muddled in your thinking and in your understanding.*" And again when the Bishop spoke highly of Miss Vera M. Dean's book which he had recommended Methodist ministers to read he was told by Congressman Clardy that it was "one of the most arrogant bits of communist propaganda" he had ever seen. The Bishop explained that his "purpose" in recommending this book and *Behind Soviet Power* by Jerome Davis was to "acquaint our people with the challenge that lies in communism to the people of our faith." *He was also charged with being "uncharitable" and "unchristian" in his speech.* All of this will be in the printed record.

Many other revelations took place at the hearing which were equally disturbing and distressing. One organization he joined, the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, he did so upon invitation of Prof. Dirk J. Struik, whom the Committee declared was a Russian spy. In other testimony it was declared that "*Marxism and religious liberal theology are one,*" a declaration that should cause the members of liberal churches to do a lot of pondering. The Bishop had not only close friends who were communists, but another "dear friend" with whom he delighted to fellowship turned out to be a "Unitarian," Dr. Stephen S. Fritchman, who as such denies the deity of our Lord, His virgin birth, and His substitutionary blood sacrifice as payment for the penalty of our sins. In defending himself from the charge of anti-Catholicism he read from his Episcopal Address of 1948 to show that his and the National Council's aims were the union of all so-called Christian groups into one body, the "Holy Catholic Church," which necessarily will be made up of the denominations making up the National Council, all the branches of Orthodox Catholicism, the Roman Catholic Church, modernists, Unitarians, Universalists, Dowieties, Pentecostals, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists, Christian Scientists, and all the hundreds of cults. A union of true Christian believers we can see and understand, but a nauseating, Scripturally forbidden admixture of believers and unbelievers is impossible. The Bishop and the National Council may be willing to go into such a union, but we do not think that the Roman Catholic Church would. We are certain that the American

Council of Christian Churches will not.

We could not help but anticipate what would happen next in this investigation. The Committee voted to hear Dr. J. B. Matthews present much documented evidence concerning Reds in the churches. That should have been interesting and most informative.

*To save himself, the Bishop turned on his close friends of the years past and viciously attacked them in his testimony, namely, Prof. Harry F. Ward and the Rev. Jack McMichael. His denunciation of them will appear in the printed record for them and the nation to read. It was a denunciation which came years too late and should have been publicly made in the Conferences of the Methodist Church. It would be most interesting to hear what they had to say in their own defense. McMichael was subpoenaed to testify on July 30.*

*One thing is certain, so far in the investigation of Reds in the churches, their presence there is an established fact. They were in high places, teaching and influencing seminary students, the youth of the church, and molding policy. Also, the record concerning Bishop Oxnam and his associations has not been bettered by the hearing. The Bishop's record has by no means been cleared. Congressmen Jackson and Velde made this very clear in their interview with the press following the hearing. The "record," as they declared, "speaks for itself." Much additional material is now in the files concerning most damaging admissions made by the Bishop himself.*

*Very little of the above appeared in the press of the nation and certainly not in slanted papers. Many of the sordid facts brought out at the Oxnam hearing were kept from the American public who had a right to know them and be warned as to the appalling extent of the communist infiltration in the churches. We can't help but wonder if the press didn't cover up for Bishop Oxnam and the churches he represented. They certainly failed to report a lot of frightful things that were brought out in that hearing that proved that Reds had infiltrated the churches.*

*After many trips to Washington, it is our conviction that there is a lot of careless, inaccurate, incomplete, slanted reporting emanating therefrom. The American public often does not receive the unadulterated truth, and seldom all the truth.*

We have observed that members of the press rely entirely too much on printed statements which are handed out by the government and by others. We have observed that at certain important hearings that some members of the press are carelessly indifferent to the liberties and issues at stake and are not in the room long enough to accurately and fully report what has transpired. They come in and copy down a few notes taken from the statements

of certain witnesses they or the Administration approves and play them up, but if the witnesses happen to be from the D. A. R., S. A. R., American Legion, National Economic Council, Coalition of Patriotic Societies, American Council for Christian Laymen, and of course from various fundamentalists church groups, slighting, disparaging remarks are almost certain to be made in press reports concerning them. These reporters should be present to hear the searching questions asked witnesses by members of investigating committees and the off the cuff replies. Often these questions and replies are far more revealing than the carefully prepared statements. Then too no doubt some members of the press feel that it is to their advantage to stand in with the powers that be and report what these powers want them to report.

### III

#### THE SENATE FACT FINDING COMMITTEE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

For many years this Committee has been doing a most excellent piece of work in investigating communist infiltration in State Government, Education, Labor, the Moving Picture Industry, Professions, and publishing list of Communist-front organizations, their techniques and members of the same.

It has been releasing Reports since 1943 and made its last Report in 1959. They have repeatedly down through the years cited prominent clergymen, members of the National Council of Churches, because of Communist-front connections and subversive activities. For instance *Bishop Oxnam* is cited in their 1947, 1948, 1949 Reports on a total of seven pages. His close friend and associate *Rev. Stephen H. Fritchman* was cited in 1948, on thirteen pages of that report; 1949 on eight pages; 1951 two pages, 1953 four pages, 1955 twenty pages, 1959 one page.

In addition to the above mentioned notorious communist-front members the following leaders and influential members in the old Federal, and now National Council of Churches are listed on the given number of pages:-

*Rev. Roswell P. Barnes* 1948 one page; *Rev. W. Russell Bowie* 1948 three pages, 1949 one page; *Rev. George A. Buttrick* 1948 one page; *Mrs. Allan Knight Chalmers* 1948 one page; *Winifred L. Chappell* 1948 two pages; *Jerome Davis* 1948 fourteen pages, 1949 fourteen pages, 1953 one page; *Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick* 1948 two pages; *Bishop Lewis O. Hartman* 1948 one page; *Rev. William Lloyd Imes* 1948 one page; *Edward C. Lindeman* 1949 nine pages; *Rev. William Howard Melish* 1949 four pages, 1959 one page; *A. J. Muste* 1948 one page, 1957 one page; *Bishop Francis J. McConnell* 1948 eleven pages; *Jack McMichael* 1943 one page, 1948 seven pages, 1949 twenty nine pages, 1953 one page; *Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr* 1948 three pages; *Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam* 1947 one page,

1948 five pages, 1949 one page; *Kirby Page* 1948 one page; *Bishop Edward L. Parsons* 1947 four pages, 1948 eighteen pages; *Rev. Guy Emery Shipler* 1948 two pages, 1949 nineteen pages; *Rev. Ralph W. Sockman* 1948 one page; *Rev. William B. Spofford* 1948 two pages, 1949 two pages; *Dr. Worth M. Tippy* 1949 one page; *Channing H. Tobias* 1948 five pages; *Dr. Harry F. Ward* 1948 twenty nine pages, 1949 thirty five pages, 1953 one page; and other lesser fry.

#### IV

#### EXPOSURES MADE WITHIN THE DENOMINATIONS

There are many true Americans and true Christians within the National Council of Churches who have become greatly alarmed over the extent of Communist infiltration, social gospel preaching, and denial of the historic Christian faith within their own church groups. Some are doing something about this deplorable state of affairs, and since their leaders have failed to do anything, they have taken it upon themselves to expose the pro-Communists within their own denomination and Council of Churches.

#### THE METHODIST CHURCH

##### The Circuit Riders, Inc.

There is a very valiant nation-wide group of objectors laboring within the Methodist Church known as the Circuit Riders, Inc. whose address is 18 East 4th Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Copies of their excellent publications that we shall mention can be obtained by writing them direct. They have in some cases revealed a much worse state of affairs than was exposed in the Congressional hearings mentioned above.

##### Their "A Compilation of Public Records

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##### Methodist Ministers"

released in July 1956, exposes 2109 Methodist preachers because of pro-communist sympathies, communist-front connections, socialistic preaching and teaching.

We can't possibly mention the entire "2109" ministers by name. But we do mention a few and after their names a number which indicates the number of times the person is cited in this publication for communist-front or leftwing membership. They are as follows:- *Henry Hitt Crane* 27, *Mark W. Dawber* 31, *Bishop Lewis O. Hartman* 22, *Bishop Ivan Lee Holt* 9, *E. Stanley Jones* 4, *Bishop Francis J. McConnell* 59, *Jack McMichael* 61, *G. Bromley Oxnam* 31, *Ralph W. Sockman* 11, *Harry F. Ward* 121, *Chas. C. Webber* 24, etc. The Circuit Riders identifies these men as being affiliated with some of the most notorious Communist-fronts operating within the country to overthrow America. The Circuit Riders must have been convinced that their denomination had been

infiltrated to be moved to publicly expose this shameful situation in their church.

Under date of July 1957, the Circuit Riders released an exposure entitled "*Fifty Years of Un-Methodist Propaganda*" which had to do with the Marxist activities of the *Methodist Federation For Social Action*." Secretaries of the M. F. S. A. *Winifred Chappell* and *Dr. Harry F. Ward* were cited as "known communists." *Jack McMichael*, its Executive Secretary was cited as having "followed the Communist Party line undeviatingly." *Willard Uphaus*, Field Secretary, was cited as being affiliated with 27 "Communist enterprises." "The incumbent president of the MFSA," the Rev. *Loyd F. Worley* is cited for having "been affiliated with 18 "Communist organizations and enterprises."

In an earlier publication dated March 29, 1956, they also cited the following additional "members and supporters" of the MFSA:- *Hiel D. Bollinger* 9, *Paul W. Caton* 10, *Mark A. Chamberlin* 22, *Don M. Chase* 13, *Geo. A. Coe* 26, *A. A. Heist* 8, *Chester E. Hodgson* 47, *Halford E. Luccock* 17, *F. W. McConnell* 9, *Edward D. McGowan* 32, *Georgia Harkness* 19, *Walter G. Muelder* 13, *J. Pierce Newell* 7, *Harris Franklin Rall* 5, *Alson J. Smith* 14, *Dillon Wesley Throckmorton* 13, *Frank Morey Toothaker* 6, etc.

We no doubt will be criticized for not giving the name, the appalling announced purpose and actual pro-communist program and activities of all these fronts to which these men and all the others mentioned above belonged, but that would fill several books, the cost of which would be prohibitive and it would be too boring for the lay public to read. We would suggest that interested persons write the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Circuit Riders, or the American Council of Christian Laymen, and get this information from them. The last mentioned group is located at 122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wis. They have an excellent documented folder, entitled "How Red Is the National Council of Churches." But one thing is obvious and that is the MFSA was simply crawling with members of notorious, subversive communist-fronts who were in control.

Under date of February 1959 the Circuit Riders released, "*Recognize Red China*" which was "an expose of the National Council of Churches World Order Study Conference; Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 18-21, 1958. This is another frightful revelation of pro-communist activities at the Conference which resulted in the adoption of a resolution recognizing the ruthless communist butchers of Red China who had slaughtered so many of our men in Korea. We urge all readers of our pamphlet to procure this release and read the frightful pro-communist activities of the men involved who were willing to sell free America down the river.

In their "Preface" to this "expose" they declare that over the past 20 years 719 officers, delegates, etc. of the Federal and Na-

tional Council of Churches were members of communist-fronts. No wonder so many pronouncements and activities of the National Council of Churches have been pro-communist and pacifistic. That body also has been crawling with members of dangerous, un-American, subversive communist-fronts. In view of this fact how can clergymen, and churches, which claim to be sound, remain in such an organization? How can Billy Graham conduct cooperative evangelistic campaigns with such unbelievers, have them on his committees, use them to lead in prayer, and condemn fundamentalists who expose their dual treason against God and Country?

### *The Methodist Challenge*

is another very worthy Methodist publication which we simply must mention. Its able and gifted fundamentalist editor, Dr. Bob Shuler, has for many years been carrying on a campaign to defend the true faith and America and to expose the enemies of both. No one deplors the down-hill trend in the Methodist Church more than he does.

In his June 1958 number he exposes the President of the National Council of Churches to which his denomination belongs, Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, a Southern Baptist.

Dr. Shuler tells us that, "In a recent address before the World Baptist Congress, Dr. Dahlberg said that the time has come to eliminate such expressions as "the precious name of Jesus," "coming under the Blood," "Saved by Grace," "born of the Spirit," and "His Coming again," since they no longer had any meaning and did not register in the minds of the ordinary listeners." No professed Christian who is sound in the faith would say such a thing. This is the language of heresy, and unbelief. Dr. Shuler then proceeds to cite Dr. Dahlberg's communist-front connections which were seven.

Fulton Lewis, Jr. in his Washington Report for Dec. 19, 1957 which was carried in many papers described these communist-fronts Dr. Dahlberg belonged to as follows:

"As early as 1942, he was affiliated with the "Citizens Committee To Free Earl Browder," an organization cited on the Attorney General's list as "Communist and subversive."

Browder, at the time, was General Secretary of the Communist Party and was serving a prison sentence for perjury in connection with his possession of a false passport. And Communism is admittedly the death enemy of the very God with whose stars the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg does his communing.

A YEAR LATER, the Rev. Mr. Dahlberg joined a group of Communist fronters in signing *an open letter to President Roosevelt, protesting an order for the deportation of Harry Bridges as an alien Communist.*

In 1946, his name appeared on the letterhead of the *National Committee to Combat Anti-Semitism*. Various Jewish groups warned that the organization in reality was a Communist front.

Later, when *Yugoslavia* was still a satellite of the Soviet Union, a group of American clergymen was invited to that country with all expenses paid by Tito's government. At least five of the seven who went were known as veteran collaborators of the Communists in the United States. They were *Claude Williams, William Howard Melish, Guy Emery Shipler, Emery Bucke, and Phillips Packer Elliott, Williams and Melish had been identified as members of the Communist Party.*

The report these men brought back from *Yugoslavia* was printed and distributed by a group of Protestant clergymen which included Mr. Dahlberg.

In 1951 he was an initiating sponsor of the *National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act* - - the Internal Security Act of 1950. In 1952 the *Daily Worker* listed him as a signer of another petition to the same end. In 1953 he was listed as signing another similar petition, addressed to President Eisenhower.

THE MOST ACTIVE Communist front organization at the present time is known as "*The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell*" - - now serving a 30-year prison term in Alcatraz for his part in the Rosenberg espionage case. The organization's publication of August, 1957, lists Dahlberg as a signer of a petition in Sobell's behalf."

In a more recent revelation, made on page #17 of "Recognize Red China", Dr. Dahlberg is cited as being affiliated with 21 "organizations or enterprises which promoted the Communist line." In a nation wide Washington release, dated March 1, 1960, as reported by James McCartney of the *Chicago Daily News*, Dr. Dahlberg told the nation that "fundamentalists" who were in "disrepute" were responsible for the charges that Communism had infiltrated churches in the framework of the National Council of Churches which we have shown is not true. The charges originated with responsible men in government. *If anybody is in disrepute it is Dr. Dahlberg and his many associates in the National Council of Churches who have aided the Communist cause, in various instances as members of scores of Communist-fronts, members of the Communist Party and as Communist agents working against our government, our way of life and the Christian faith. If the Reds in the National Council of Churches are being classified by many along with Benedict Arnold they have themselves to blame. They can't in any wise put the blame on "fundamentalists" who wouldn't tolerate a known Red in their camp.*

#### THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Hardly a major denomination, perhaps if we knew all the facts none, has escaped Communist infiltration. Mr. M. G. Lowman

the indefatigable "Coordinator" of Circuit Riders is constantly digging up new revelations concerning the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian (colored) Methodist Episcopal Church, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Southern Baptist Convention, the Unitarians, etc.

However, one denomination that has been very heavily infiltrated is the Protestant Episcopal Church. We were happy to learn that concerned Episcopalians have undertaken to do something about it.

*"A Compilation of Public Records, 20.5 Per Cent."*

Therein they cite 1,411 *Protestant Episcopal Clergymen*, whom they mention by name, and give their communist-front activities. It is a 200 page affair. The Publishing Committee consists, we read, of such well known men as Archibald Roosevelt, Harold Blacker, W. F. Peterson, John M. Richardson, and Mr. M. G. Lowman, Coordinator. It can be obtained from the Publishing Committee, P. O. Box 1023, Cincinnati 1, Ohio.

Mr. Lowman told us personally that their investigations proved that the Episcopalian Bishops were more involved percentage wise than the Methodist Bishops whose record is plenty bad.

Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, former President of the Federal Council of Churches, whom John T. Flynn terms "a scholar and churchman of the highest order, with no radical taint whatever" was, however cited in the 1944 House Committee on Un-American Activities 4 times because of communist-front connections. However, in the "Compilation" on page 194 Bishop Tucker is cited as having 12 communist-front affiliations.

But, Bishop Ed. L. Parsons of California, "the Red Dean of the Pacific Coast" was involved in so many pro-communist activities, cited 110 times, that it required 8½ pages in the "Compilation" to deal with them. W. Russell Bowie, one of the translators of the R. S. V. B: required 3 pages for his 32 citations. Dr. Joseph Fletcher, of their Seminary at Cambridge, Mass., who is "most seriously involved," required 6½ pages to deal with his 82 pro-communist activities. Yet when Episcopalian clergymen of Cincinnati protested his coming to address first the Episcopalian lawyers of the area, and then the college students, Bishop Blanchard of Cincinnati wouldn't "accept criticism" against his "personal friend" whom he "admired" so greatly, so the objectors were overruled. William Howard Melish was cited therein 110 times, Guy Emory Shipler 85 times, Charles Breck Ackley 34, Walter Mitchell 80, Arthur W. Moulton 91, William B. Spofford Sr. 69, Eliot White 52, and Henry Knox Sherrill 9 times. If these men and others of their kind were only as faithful in serving the Lord, in preaching the gospel, in defending America, how different the story would be. But because they are more faithful in serving the cause of



communist-fronts than Christ, they are being referred to as "Red Dean," "Red Bishop," "Red Council of Churches," and worse yet, "the Red Bible," i.e. the R. S. V. B.

### THE UNITARIAN CHURCH

It appears that the more heretical a church group becomes, the more it repudiates the gospel of the shed blood of Christ, the more inclined it is toward the ruinous, damning doctrines of Karl Marx and the Communist horde. They have a great deal in common and naturally gravitate toward each other. Such is the ruinous end result of modernism, Barthianism and the social gospel.

According to the recent findings of the Circuit Riders *the Unitarians have the worst record of all churches*, and, the Southern Baptists and Missouri Synod Lutherans the lowest. The Southern Baptist Church however is being infiltrated through Dr. Louis Newton, Dr. Dahlberg, Louisville Seminary, etc. The Missouri Synod Lutherans have a large group which leans toward the R. S. V. B., while some others do not, and in matters of radio and chaplains they are working more and more in connection with the National Council. We are sorry to see this trend on the part of the Missouri Synod.

*The official count of active Unitarians is 40%* of its ministers involved in communist-fronts, and including pastors who are retired or out of the active ministry, the figure is "approximately 59% the highest rate of infiltration" in any church group.

### THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Congregationalists have their troubles too, plenty of them. There is a life and death struggle going on in that denomination to determine whether Congregational principles shall long endure. A faithful element is putting up a heroic battle against entrenched leaders who have been seizing power, speaking in the names of the churches without permission, and involving them in no end of embarrassing situations. They are also greatly disturbed by communist infiltration.

"*The Committee Opposing Congregational Political Action*," is circulating a booklet entitled, "*They're Using Our Church*." They in particular expose the denomination's "Council for Social Action." They have discovered that this Council is being supported "with missionary funds," that it "stands for things most Congregationalists don't believe in, and does things most Congregationalists would strongly disapprove.

Among many things that they charge the "Council" with doing is, "To Play Politics," attempting to change our system of government, attacking our free economy, advancing Marxian ideals, advocating "government interference," lobbying for socialism, opposing Congressional investigations and with wanting to

abolish "the Congressional Committee which cornered Alger Hiss and a number of others." They deplore the fact that "a number of persons prominent in the Council for Social Action were active in Communist-fronts set up to overthrow our form of government." -- "Many contributors to C. S. A's magazine were prominent in these same fronts." -- "One such C. S. A. Director was involved with 9 such organizations." -- "A former C. S. A. employee subscribed to 20 of them." -- "One of its present staff members has been connected with 22 communist-fronts, and has received special attention as a "fellow-traveler."

They continue, "*We are all responsible, in a way; for in allowing C. S. A. to continue this program, we indicate our approval. We've been giving them our money. They've been using our name. We must stop this unwitting endorsement.*"

Well said! So must the Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, etc. "stop" their endorsement of Marxists and Marxist schemes in their own denominations. Perhaps their missionary contributions are being used to support something equally as bad. What is your denomination doing with your money? You had better find out. When you do many of you are going to be shocked and disappointed no end. In some denominations many thousands of dollars have been poured into social gospel, pro-Red projects. It is the Lord's money but you are responsible to see that it goes for something that would meet with the Lord's approval and also yours. Is it being used to support the cause of Christ, or, the devilish cause of Marxian Communism or, the modernistic denial of the faith. Is it supporting Christ or Anti-Christ?

#### THE PRESBYTERIANS

Aroused Presbyterians (now United Presbyterians) greatly incensed and troubled over the number of Presbyterian clergymen active in communist-fronts, and the failure of the General Assembly to take action to discipline such men, have been distributing an expose entitled:-

*"A Compilation of Public Records*

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*Presbyterian Church U. S. A. Clergymen."*

It was released in March 1958. It can be obtained from the Publishing Committee, P. O. Box 1023, Cincinnati 1, Ohio. It is a large 8 x 11 inch sized 89 page affair, fully documented with names, fronts, dates, sources, etc.

Once again we can't possibly mention all whose names are found therein. But we do mention a few prominent Presbyterian clergymen so that you may get some inkling as to the extent in which Presbyterians have been involved in such things as Communist-fronts, in buying bullets for Communists fighting abroad, in defending known communist agents, spies, and traitors who

gave our military secrets to Russia, and in defending the Communist Party. The number after their names indicates the number of times they were cited. They are:- *Rev. Paul Johnson Allured* 33, *Dr. Wm. T. Baird* 34, *Dr. Geo. A. Buttrick* 4, *Dr. J. Henry Carpenter* 16, *Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert* 4, *Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin* 24, (more will be said about Dr. Coffin below), *Dr. Edler G. Hawkins* 19, *Dr. Wm. Lloyd Imes* 29,, *Rev. John Paul Jones* 60, *Dr. John Alexander Mackay* 26, (more will be said about him below), *Rev. Richard Morford* 32, *Rev. A. J. Muste* 11, *Dr. Robert Hastings Nichols* 24, *Rev. John Oliver Nelson* 8, *Rev. Einar Oftedahl* 7, *Rev. Harvard L. Parsons* 6, *Rev. James H. Robinson* 34, *Dr. Robert W. Searle* 11, *Rev. H. Norman Sibley* 8, *Rev. John B. Thompson*, 64, *Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen* 4, *Rev. Claude C. Williams* 40, *Dr. Charles F. Wishart* 5, etc.

Concerning *Dr. Henry Sloan Coffin*, the "Compilation" has a full page account of his activities. It reads:-

"As President of Union Theological Seminary, Henry Sloan Coffin exerted immeasurable influence over a generation of Protestant clergymen.

Dr. Coffin was also a distinguished pastor of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

In the tabulation which follows, it is shown that public records reveal Dr. Coffin to have had at least 24 affiliations with communist enterprises.

Twelve of his affiliations were with organizations which have been cited as Communist and subversive by the Attorney General of the United States.

Slightly more than 6 per cent of all the clergymen of all the Protestant denominations in the United States who have been affiliated in one way or another with the communist enterprises have been members of the faculty and student body of Union Theological Seminary. This percentage is based upon the latest available *Alumni Catalogue* which extends only through the year 1947. If a catalogue of faculty and students extending down to the present were available, it is certain that this percentage would be considerably higher. It is also noteworthy that Union is only one of the 177 Protestant Theological seminaries listed in the *Yearbook of American Churches*.

It is quite apparent that a considerable pro-Communist infiltration occurred at Union during the administration of Henry Sloan Coffin who retired in 1945 to be succeeded by Henry P. Van Dusen."

Concerning *Dr. John A. Mackay*, former Secretary Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, Chairman International Missionary Council, Member Central Committee World Council of Churches, past

Moderator General Assembly Presbyterian Church, etc., we would like to add a word of our own. Dr. Mackay may not be an actual member of the Communist Party, but he has knowingly rendered them invaluable service repeatedly down through the years.

When we were in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1949 we were asked if we would confront Dr. Mackay with his pro-Communist-front record and we readily consented to do so. He was there in the interest of the World Council of Churches and its Latin American branch. Their meetings were held behind locked doors but we had ways of finding out what transpired. We were informed that the night before we confronted him, that Dr. Mackay had for some unknown reason, as far as some of his listeners were concerned, but not us, and surely not his fellow-travelers, made a public admission that back in the years he had become *innocently involved* in one communist-front. When we confronted him we were ready to prove that that was not so. We had with us the Index Volume, House Committee on Un-American Activities Report for 1944 which we used to refute his admission and according to which he was a member of 4 communist-fronts, one of which had been involved in raising millions of dollars to buy bullets and other war supplies for the Communists fighting in Spain, a very strange interest for a clergyman who also headed up the International Missionary Conference. This was very strange missionary activity. We refer to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, which was aided by other interlocking fronts such as The American Friends for Spanish Democracy, etc. With considerable heat and feeling he declared that he had never joined anything or said anything for which he was sorry, a statement he has repeated since in the press. So, Dr. Mackay knows that he belonged to dangerous Communist-fronts, which helped buy war supplies for communists fighting in Spain during which war many thousands perished, *and he isn't sorry.*

Since that meeting with him in Buenos Aires it has been revealed by his own fellow Presbyterians that he has had "affiliations" with 26 "*pro-Communist enterprises.*" *Twelve of these Communist-fronts he joined after we confronted him with his record in Buenos Aires.* The Circuit Riders charge him with 48 on p. 17 of their "Recognize Red China", Feb. 1959 and Bishop Oxnam with only 45. So it can hardly be said that he is an innocent dupe. He knew what he was doing.

Surely he knew what he was doing in the 1950's when he, Oxnam, and others attacked the House Committee on Un-American Activities seeking to publicly discredit it and have it abolished. But thank God they didn't succeed. The House Committee had been revealing too much for their comfort of mind and ease of operations. He like his Commie friends, branded the House Committee's investigations as "inquisitions" and "a threat to freedom of thought, speech, and conscience." He has said and done many

things which aided Communist conquests in Spain, China and Korea, but never once have we known him to condemn the Communists for their frightful devilish atrocities to scores of our servicemen they fiendishly tortured in Korea. Dr. Mackay has attacked those who like the House Committee and F. B. I. would alert us to the Communist menace. He has even declared that *"anti-Communism is more dangerous than Communism."* He hailed the Chinese Reds who slaughtered many thousands of Christians, as, "liberators." Right now he and his fellow-traveler associates in the National and World Council of Churches are loudly insisting that the Chinese Reds be recognized.

We can't help but wonder how some of the original United Presbyterians feel, who were taken in on the merger of the old United Presbyterian and Presbyterian Church U. S. A., to be in a denomination now which has such men as leaders. Those who opposed the merger down to the very end and who refused to compromise or accept bribes in the form of prominent position if they would go along with the merger as some professing fundamentalists did, must be very very sick at heart. What is the future of the United Presbyterian Church going to be with so many Barthians and other heretical and "614" pro-Communist leaders? We wonder how Presbyterian boys who saw the sickening sights of communist atrocities afflicted on American prisoners in Korea feel to know that leaders in their own denomination and in the National Council of Churches aided and abetted the Communist cause? How can they accept such leadership since they have returned home?

No doubt we will be charged with playing up but one side in these charges, namely the Protestant. But that is our primary concern, for we are Protestants. We are aware that quite a few Jewish Rabbis have been cited because of Communist front membership, and some 48 Catholic Priests have been alluded to by J. B. Matthews. And we are thoroughly aware of the activities and pro-Red propaganda of the Catholic Worker magazine and those associated with it. But we are leaving the investigation of the bodies just mentioned in the hands of such men as the courageous American martyr Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, "the Rabbi the Reds hate the most," and such great public servants as John T. Flynn and J. B. Matthews both of whom have rendered magnificent service.

#### CONCERNING RED CLERGYMEN FROM RUSSIA AND SATELLITE COUNTRIES

One last thing that we must not overlook concerning pro-Red preachers in America is their close cooperation with Communist controlled preachers and Soviet Agents behind the Iron Curtain. The horrible situation behind the Iron Curtain is exposed by the Committee on Judiciary, of the U. S. Senate, James

O. Eastland, Chairman, in its December 31, 1957 Report entitled, "Communist-Controlled Churches In Iron Curtain Countries As Tools of Subversion." This shocking Report reveals that churches there are infiltrated by Communist agents who have at the orders of the Party been trained in theology, that these churches are controlled by the Secret Police, and under absolute domination of Maj. Gen. Georgi Gregorinch Karpov, a permanent career officer of the dreaded Secret Police whose appointment was at Stalin's suggestion. This Report also states, "In view of the international ties maintained by religious denominations, Communist influence has thus been enabled to penetrate to the United States." Surely this is not the kind of clergymen we want visiting America.

The following documentation is the English translation of an excerpt taken from the "Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate", No. 12, December 1951, Second Session of the World Council for Peace. This documentation was filed with the U. S. Supreme Court and the Senate's Internal Security Committee. The translation reads as follows:

"Everyone knows that the kindlers of war in Washington and London and their satellites do not cease the insane preparations for a new world war for a day. Almost every week the American Senate designates supplemental funds for armament, for putting together of an aggressive army. American aggressors continue to wage a war of extermination in Korea. They build military bases around the Soviet Union and the countries of the peoples democracy."

"Not for one day, in the countries of capital, does war propaganda stop. War hysteria in the U. S. A. has reached its apogee, there everything is directed to the service of war."

"The ideas of hatred of humanity are inoculated in children and young people on a broad scale in the U. S. A. And here is what an education by cannibals leads to: "At one of my lessons on social science - tells one of the progressively inclined teachers of the U. S. A. - a pupil asked: 'Why did we not drop an atomic bomb immediately on the Soviet Union?' Before I had time to answer anything another added: 'But the Russians - they are not people.'"

"It is thus that the American kindlers of war try to raise murderers from their tender years. Thus the enemies of peace desire to corrupt the minds of people and force them to be submissive participants in unheard-of evil deeds against humanity."

by Metropolitan Nicolai

Metropolitan Nicolai is the Chairman of the delegation of Red Preachers, and second top ranking clergyman in Moscow. He is also founder and leader of the Communist World Peace Council. He is the father of the Stockholm Peace Petition cited as "Communist" by our Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities. These Red Clergymen were invited to America and given a royal reception by the National Council of Churches.

In other words the Red clergymen who visit this country from Iron Curtain countries as the guest of the National Council of Churches, the Southern Baptist Convention, etc. are actually Soviet Agents bent on a work of propaganda and subversion. Bishop Peter of Hungary, Metropolitan Nicolai, Andreyre, Zhidkov, Karev, Renko, Bishop Joan Klivit, and others have all been cited as agents of the Soviet Secret Police. These Soviet Agents are on the closest possible terms with Red-front leaders in the National Council of Churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and visit back and forth from America to Iron Curtain countries and vice versa. Some of the National Council leaders who have been involved in this relationship are *Dr. Franklin Clark Fry*, President United Lutheran Church, *Dr. Eugene Carson Blake*, past President National Council of Churches, *Bishop D. Ward Nichols*, African Methodist Episcopal Church, *Paul B. Anderson*, Y. M. C. A., *Dr. Roswell P. Barnes*, National Council of Churches, *Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill*, Protestant Episcopal Church, *Dr. Herbert Gezork*, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, and *Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk*, National Council of Churches, etc.

One witness testified before the Senates Committee on Judiciary as follows:-

"The official church in the Soviet Union is being used by the Reds to advance the cause of world revolution. Therefore she establishes contacts, arranges exhibitional tours of agents in clerical robes to the free world, spreads purposely false information, creates the desire for co-operation even with the strongest enemies of the church. The exchange visits have seriously undermined the hope that the Christians of the West would help Christians in Russia."

A more diabolical plot, that of training Communist agents and members of the dreaded Secret Police, so that they Satan's wolves in sheep's clothing, can occupy pulpits dedicated to the service of Christ, and from there spread subversion throughout the world, can hardly be conceived, unless, it is the diabolical way in which pro-Red preachers have been used in this country. There is a master mind, a cunning, scheming, diabolical supernatural intelligence, behind Soviet conquest which explains its power and success, and it is devilish and Satanic, preparing the world stage for the abominable creature Scripture repeatedly refers to as the Anti Christ, the Beast, the Man of Sin, whom Christ will destroy at His coming.

## TESTIMONY OF THOSE WHO SHOULD KNOW

We have already submitted considerable documentation proving that Communism has for many years been infiltrating the churches. Many who have become involved in communist-fronts are far from being "dupes," or "suckers" to quote various members of Congress. Neither expression flatters the intelligence of those involved. Bishop Oxnam at his hearing admitted that he was a "sucker." But why do they go on being "dupes" and "suckers," and keep on joining one front after another until as in some cases they have become members of ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy and even over a hundred communist-fronts? How many communist-fronts would you have to join, especially if you noted that numbered among the membership were known Communist-Party members, Communist agents, yes even Russian spies, before you wised up that you were in questionable company? Anyway it has been established that some of these preachers were "hard core Communists," and a great many others remained in Communist-front connections even after they were exposed by the Attorney General, the House Un-American Activities Committee and other investigating bodies. How can they find time to be affiliated with so many outside organizations when there isn't enough hours in the day to carry out the great Commission Christ gave His Church? If they were faithfully preaching the gospel, more devoted to saving souls and preaching the word, they wouldn't have time to become involved in so many fronts. Since they have apostatized from the true Christian faith, and the gospel of the shed blood of Christ, there is no alternative for them but to turn to the social gospel of Karl Marx the founder of Communism.

That Communism has infiltrated the church to an alarming degree will be seen by the quotations given below of men who know:-

*Hon. J. Edgar Hoover*, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, in appearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, March 26, 1947, made a statement which should cause us all to feel great concern and an urge to do something to correct such a deplorable situation, namely:

"I confess to a real apprehension so long as *Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work* and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism."

Mr. Hoover also wrote a book entitled "*Masters of Deceit*" in which he divulges communist strategy in working in religious groups.

*Dr. J. B. Matthews*, former Chief Investigator, U. S. Senate Permanent Investigating Subcommittee of the Internal Security Committee has made some very startling revelations.



In *American Mercury Magazine*, for July 1953, in an article entitled "Reds and Our Churches" Dr. Matthews declared:

*"The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen". "---- the Communist Party enlisted the support of at least seven thousand Protestant clergymen in the same categories -- party members, fellow-travelers, espionage agents, party line adherents, and unwitting dupes."*

If there were at least 7,000 clergymen in some way identified with the Communist Party and some were actually espionage agents, Red spies, then the Air Force in its Manual on Security had every reason to warn its trainees of this source of danger, and its Secretary should never have apologized.

25 } But when Dr. Matthews divulged this frightfully alarming situation, the leaders of the National Council of Churches put pressure on President Eisenhower who in turn forced Dr. Matthews to resign, a shocking thing. Why is the President so quick to come to the aid of the National Council of Churches whenever it is divulged that the Council has been very heavily infiltrated?

In an *American Mercury*, "Reprint", undated, entitled: "Red Infiltration of Theological Seminaries", Dr. Matthews, reveals the extent that the fountain head of theological training and thinking has been poisoned with the frightfully contagious virus of communism.

Dr. Matthews tells us that of the 177 Protestant theological seminaries listed by the National Council of Churches in its Year Book, "at least 54 of these theological seminaries or slightly more than 30% of them, have been infiltrated by the Communist apparatus." No wonder so many Protestant preachers have been pro-Red. The twig was bent that way in Seminary and before that in college.

If Dr. Matthews had also cited these seminaries because of their heretical, Barthian, modernistic departure from the teachings of Christ and the Apostles, he would have had to cite most all of the 177 theological schools. To the best of our knowledge, not one that is mentioned below could be counted as being wholly sound in the faith. It is because they have apostatized in most cases that they go for communism. The Bible Schools, Bible Institutes, Bible Colleges and seminaries of the true fundamentalist variety have not been infiltrated and wouldn't tolerate a Red or heretic on their faculties.

Some of the seminaries that Dr. Matthews cites because of the pro-Red activities of professors, are among the most outstanding in the country from whence a great portion of the preachers come, namely:-

American Baptist Theological Seminary, Andover Newton Theological School, (Amer. Bap. & Cong.); Auburn Theological Seminary, (Presby.); Boston University School of Theology; Bethany Biblical Seminary, (Ch. Breth.); Bible College of Missouri, (Disc.); Colgate-Rochester Divinity School; Dickerson Theological Seminary, (African Meth. Epis.); Eden Theological Seminary, (Evang. and Ref.); Episcopal Theological School; Garrett Biblical Institute, (Meth.); Hartford Seminary Foundation, (Interdenom.); Hood Theological Seminary, (African Meth. Epis. Zion.); Meadville Theological School, (Unitarian); McCormick Theological Seminary, (Presy.); Oberlin College Graduate School of Theology, (Undenom.); Princeton Theological Seminary, (Presby.); Protestant Episcopal Seminary, in Virginia; Seabury-Western, (Prot. Epis.); Theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Union Theological Seminary, (Undenom.); University of Chicago Divinity School, (Amer. Bap.); University of Southern California School of Religion, (Meth.); Yale Divinity School, (Undenom.); Yankton College School of Theology, (Cong. Christ.).

Are any of your denomination's seminaries in this group? Are you helping to support them? Are the young people from your church, and your home attending such schools? Why not see that your young people are sent to schools sound in the faith and loyal to the United States of America? If you do, you will have better preachers, and better churches and a better community.

*Dr. Dan Poling* has been quite critical of the pro-Reds in the church and has rendered a great service to the church and the nation by so doing. He has censored them, and, properly so, for not condemning Red atrocities at their peace gatherings and for advocating recognition of Red China, at their Fifth World Order Study Conference, Cleveland, Ohio, November 1958. He has also spoken favorably of Dr. Matthews and has declared that his estimate of "7,000 preachers" was "entirely too conservative," and this in a featured article in the Saturday Evening Post, 1954. Dr. Poling admitted that he himself had been an unwitting "dupe" back in the years and had become involved. He is quoted as declaring, "One influential "dupe" is worth his or her weight in Red gold."

--- "The Communist Party, would, of course, prefer one Bishop Oxnham to a thousand card bearing members ---".

*Herbert A. Philbrick*, for nine years an F. B. I. counterspy who joined the Communist Party to learn their secrets, and who wrote, "I Led Three Lives," worked in the Party with preachers who were active members. He declared:—

*"The Communists have made a great advance in their use of clergymen . . . virtually no Communist or Communist-front activity takes place today without ministerial and church support, sponsorship or participation. Most of the persons involved—in the pulpit, in publishing, in the*

training of ministers—have been duped. . . But it will come as a jolt to many Christians to discover that some of the members of the clergy are not dupes but hardened Communists who are completely loyal to Russia. I am not guessing about this. I saw those ministers in action—ruthless communist leaders prostituting the Christian ministry to the evil of atheism and oppression. They knew exactly what they were doing. They were clergymen because it suited their purpose and that of their superiors. -----”.

M. G. Lowman, the tireless, devoted, well informed, and fearless “Coordinator” of the Circuit Riders, a body of independent Methodists who are riding to fame in the estimation of loyal Americans, declared to us in a personal conversation, “The 9,000 clergymen in the United States most of whom have loaned their names unwittingly to the Communist conspiracy to conquer the world, represent the largest number, exceeding every other category, including educators which run second with 6,000.”

We urge our readers to write to the Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio and obtain and distribute their publication mentioned above.

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Paul Crouch we mention next. For 17 years he had been a Communist Party member, a Party Organizer, who visited Moscow, met high functionaries, attended meetings of the Central Committee in the States. He had the particular assignment of infiltrating Communists into the Army and Navy of the United States. Communists were instructed to enlist for service in Panama, Hawaii, Army forts, etc. They had seven or eight agents serving on the battleship Oklahoma. No one knows in how many other places. If we had had a war with Russia, or if it had been to their advantage, the Communists had men in our armed service who had sworn to defend America and uphold the Constitution, who were in strategic places and if given the word could have blown up the Panama Canal, wrecked installations in Hawaii, even sunk the ill-fated Oklahoma or other ships on which they had been assigned. After all this it is hard to understand why President Eisenhower would have invited Krushchev, the present head of such a diabolical plot, to this country and give him a hero's welcome. Using Miami as a base, back before 1949, they were laying their ground work to take over Cuba and other Latin American countries. If America had only acted and stopped them then.

Paul Crouch testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee, May 6, 1949, and revealed these terrible things. He also testified that laboring in Miami setting up one of the communist-fronts was no less a person than Methodist Harry F. Ward. Considering all that was involved as mentioned above, what a vile, treasonable association for a professed minister of the gospel.

Manning Johnson, a former top official of the Communist

Party has frequently been quoted to prove the extent to which communism has infiltrated the churches. He knew. As a high party functionary he was in close touch with some of the preachers involved.

He testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee July 13 and 14, 1953.

He definitely identified Harry F. Ward, Winifred Chappell, Wm. B. Spofford, Kenneth Leslie and Jerome Davis, the Protestant Digest later called the Protestant, as all being part of the Communist apparatus and distinctly mentions same as being under party discipline, and presented various exhibits to prove his points.

He also definitely testified that there were a number of ministers who were not "dupes", who knew exactly what they were doing. We quote from P. 2202:—

"I might add that quite a few ministers, for example participated in the united front known as the American League Against War and Fascism, and it was later called the American League for Peace and Democracy, in which many ministers were involved. In fact, they were so deeply involved through Harry F. Ward, that they became the spokesmen, the advocates, the builders, and the leaders of this most important Communist front that engaged in everything from simple *assult* on a government to *espionage, sabotage, and the overthrow of the Government of the United States.*"

What a shameful thing? It was bad enough to have so called ministers of the gospel helping to raise millions of dollars to buy war supplies for communists fighting in Spain. We refer to the Communist-front called, *The North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy*. Some of the men who were identified with that front constantly seek to undermine and scuttle every preparedness measure for national defense but never condemn Communist Russia and her hordes for their military build-up and acts of aggression. But isn't it shameful that ministers would be involved in "assault", "espionage", "sabotage" "and the overthrow of the Government of the United States." Since they were so involved, then the warning in the Air Force Manual was in order and should be retained.

We are going to rest our case at this point. The five points that we have submitted with sufficient documentation prove beyond any shadow of a doubt that Communism has infiltrated the churches and to a very considerable degree. What's more, those most responsible are entrenched in the highest offices of the National Council of Churches and many member denominations. Now what are the churches going to do about it? What are you going to do about it? Why may we ask were not the objectors from the National Council of Churches courageous enough to accept the challenge from Hon. Francis E. Walter, Chairman of

the House Un-American Activities Committee to meet before his committee and face the evidence? The answer is perfectly obvious. Dr. Billy James Hargis challenged them to debate the matter in public and they didn't accept that either. Leaders of the American Council of Christian Churches have also repeatedly challenged them to debate in the past. Instead of accepting these challenges they resort to the communist technique of smear, charge their accusers with being in disrepute, and the slanted press of the nation has aided them in their slander of patriotic and fundamentalist groups.

We would like to again propose that the charge that Communism has infiltrated the churches be debated. We would like to see Hon. Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Dr. J. B. Matthews, Dr. M. G. Lowman, Circuit Riders, Dr. Billy James Hargis, Dr. Carl McIntire I. C. C. C. and someone appointed by the American Council of Christian Churches, publicly debate this matter with such men as Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Dr. John A. Mackay, Dr. Edward T. Dahlberg, Dr. Harry F. Ward, Rev. Wm. H. Melish, Rev. Jack McMichael and Dr. Stephen S. Fritchman. Since we can't trust some of the papers and since the matter is of such great importance, let the whole debate be televised and put on a coast to coast hook up of the radio chains. Then let the people decide if the evidence supports the charge.

**HEARING BEFORE THE COMMITTEE  
ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
House of Representatives, February 25, 1960**

*"Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual"*

Hon. Francis E. Walter, Chairman, Presiding

Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp, accompanied by Major General Thos. C. Musgrove, was taken to task by the Committee, for, as the press of the nation had reported "categorically repudiating" and "abjectly apologizing" for the statements in the Manual referring to definite, specific proven instances of communist infiltration in the National Council of Churches, and thereby discrediting in the eyes of the public the validity of the work done by the F. B. I., the House Un-American Activities Committee, the Attorney General and other U. S. Government agencies and for having done so at the demand of James Wine, Associate General Secretary of the National Council of Churches. Also involved in this repudiation was the President and the Secretary of Defense.

The Report of the above mentioned hearing should be obtained and read in full, and every statement in its full context which we haven't time or space to report now.

In this Report it is again re-affirmed and many proven instances cited, that communism had definitely infiltrated, the National Council of Churches and its leaders were particularly in-

volved. Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Methodist ministers etc., who had joined the Communist Party, admitted doing so or who had admittedly worked as communist agents or worked with known communists are mentioned by name, namely; Claude C. Williams, Eliot White, Joseph Nowak, Jack Hutchison, the last two students of Harry F. Ward at Union Seminary, New York. One former President of the National Council worked with a known convicted communist as recently as January 1960.

The Air Force Manual had specifically mentioned Dr. Walter Russell Bowie, Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, Dr. James Dahl, Dr. Leroy Waterman, Dr. Fleming James, Dr. Harry F. Ward and Dr. John A. Mackay, etc. The House Committee at its February 25, 1960 hearing went over the pro-communist records of these men as stated in the Manual, and went on record declaring that the Manual was an "understatement" and that these men were much more involved in Communist infiltration than the Manual reported.

The frightfully appalling extent of communist infiltration will be seen from this declaration of the Committee as made on Page #1303:

"- - - Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement. - - -"

Not only was Secretary Sharp and the Secretary of Defense chided for undercutting the work of those investigating Communist infiltration but he was taken to task for trying to keep these facts from Air Force trainees in their studies on matters of security, and for giving the American public a wrong impression.

The Committee put Secretary Sharp definitely on the spot, demanding a specific "Yes" or "No" reply to various questions. Since the slanted press of the nation, and since the National Council of Churches is trying to make it appear that the "validity" of the statements in the Air Force Manual are in question, and it was withdrawn for that reason, the following quotes from the Record of the hearing disprove this:—

"Mr. Arens. Did you, in your statement of repudiation, intend a repudiation of the integrity, validity, or accuracy of the testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities which is quoted in this Manual?"

"Secretary Sharp. No sir. If it is properly quoted,

I certainly did not intend such a repudiation." Page #1303.

And again:—

"Mr. Arens. Am I absolutely clear, and is the record clear, that you are not now nor did at anytime intend a repudiation of the validity of the material attributed to this Committee attributed to the F. B. I. or other intelligence agencies, which is quoted here respecting Communist infiltration in Churches and infiltration by fellow-travellers in church groups?"

"Secretary Sharp. That is correct." Page #1304.

So the indictment against the National Council of Churches still stands. Secretary Sharp as reported on Page #1319 admitted that he "suppressed" the Manual and "withdrew it without investigating to determine whether or not the statements made in that Manual were true." He like the President and Secretary of Defense were more or less intimidated by the arrogant, dictatorial, totalitarian National Council of Churches, which indicated at its recent meeting in Oklahoma City that it expects to censor future publications of the Manual a thing that never should be tolerated. This whole affair of repudiation and apology is shameful.

One of the very last things requested by the Committee of Secretary Sharp was that he apologize to the "American people", and make this thing right for having apologized to the National Council of Churches, and for repudiating the proven findings of various U. S. Government bodies investigating Communist infiltration, a very serious thing indeed.

#### CONCLUDING WORD

#### WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT THIS SHAMEFUL THING?

30 | *First, the U. S. Government should have acted long since. The Administration never should have apologized because the Air Force warned of Reds in the churches. They are there heavily entrenched in high places and have been there for many years. It is time to get them out, or get out. When the Honorable John McDowell, who helped trip up Alger Hiss, was a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee, he declared to us personally on two different occasions, "If these men were not preachers we would put them in jail." We replied, "Put them in jail anyway." Why should preachers enjoy immunity or the treason of members of the National Council of Churches be covered up? Mr. McDowell was also owner and editor of the Wilkinsburg Gazette. When we prepared a documented expose of the pro-communist preachers and leaders of the old Federal Council of Churches, now National Council, mentioned them and their many communist front connections by name, he printed the same in his paper. As a member of the House Committee he was in a position to know that what we revealed was true and correct. Not very*

many editors today would have had the courage to do what he did. If America is ever lost it will be largely because the press of the land does not print all the truth, is often slanted and our people are not, being properly informed and warned.

If the government had acted in the past in a courageous, uncompromising, forthright, firm manner in dealing with Communist Russia and its agents working right without our own country, in the U. N., etc., instead of groveling and burying reports of investigating committees, and doing nothing about them, communists wouldn't have run away with things in labor, education, the churches, the U. N., in Korea, Hungary, Cuba, Central and South America, and in many other places, but particularly here at home. Long before former Communist agent Paul Crouch made his startling revelations in 1949, it was known that communist agents working out of Miami with orders from Moscow were laying the ground work to take over Cuba and Latin America. If we had acted then and put a stop to their operations Cuba might not have fallen into the hands of the pro-communist tyrant Castro, the lives of thousands there spared and our great financial investments safe-guarded. But no, our weak State Department and the Administration permitted all this to happen with hardly a protest. The Administration once more chickened out. A different story could no doubt be told concerning Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Porto Rico, etc. where the Communists in spite of our Monroe Doctrine were permitted to gain such a foothold. One reason why they are gaining a foothold in America is because clergymen and leaders in the National Council of Churches, by their pro-communist social gospel preaching, and their many pro-communist activities and sympathies have been conditioning America and particularly the youth of America for a communist take over.

There is little point in President Eisenhower going to South America now, to make slaps at communism, when he helps cover up for the National Council of Churches here at home, when in spite of the protests of thousands of Christians he entertains Khrushchev in the White House, when the Supreme Court is permitted to hand down no end of decisions favorable to the communists and a detriment to the F. B. I., the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and others exposing the Communists, and when he advocates the surrender of U. S. sovereignty to the U.N's. International Court by repealing the Connally Amendment which would give our enemies, Russia and its satellites, Cuba, Panama, and others a free hand to control all our domestic and foreign affairs. The last mentioned is the worst sell out proposed yet. The National Council of Churches is for repeal. Why doesn't the President first clean up the mess at home, and begin by making a full scale public investigation of communist infiltration in the churches, labor, education, government, the press, the Armed Forces, T.V., radio, movies, etc. and see to it that the press of the nation is given the truth of the matter, and that the public is given full



documentation in government reports? But the Administration obviously right now is most concerned about votes and perpetuating itself.

What America needs desperately is a complete house cleaning in Washington, in the Administration, the Supreme Court, where necessary in Congress, and in the press and that the hands of the F. B. I., the House Committee on Un-American Activities be strengthened by proper legislation to continue the good work of the past years in turning up Communist spies, saboteurs, agents, no matter where found, and punished. Our present Supreme Court is a detriment and a menace. No wonder thousands have signed petitions requesting that its present members be impeached. Both major political parties have from a Christian standpoint been a terrible disappointment. We need red blooded men of firm conviction in Washington who will be true to God and true to America, subservient to no foreign power, the United Nations and to no church group whether it be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish or fundamentalist. Information being distributed by The Congress of Freedom indicates that the Communists have launched a concerted drive to take over the United States by 1975 without having to fight a war, and Matt Cvetic, former F. B. I. undercover agent has declared that when they do "one-third of our population, the great middle-class" will be slaughtered. Blood will flow down the gutters of our cities. Are we going to sit idly by and let that happen, let the Internationalists in Washington and elsewhere, and the National Council, and all who would, sell us down the river? Or, are we going to get in there and fight like men and squelch the Communist menace? We are ashamed of the disgraceful statement attributed to the head of our Department of State, "I would rather crawl on my knees to Moscow than have the Reds drop the bomb on my head." What kind of talk is this for an American or a Christian? Patrick Henry would be made sick at his stomach if alive to have heard that or to observe the pusillanimous manner in which the Administration treats the Communist menace. Americans who love liberty don't fear death. Neither do Christians for in Christ Jesus their Saviour a much better life awaits them.

*Secondly, true Christians who belong to denominations within the framework of the National Council of Churches are obligated to do something about the Red infiltration and denial of the faith in their churches and their Council.*

The church today is in this sorry mess because the rank and file of its members tolerates heretical preaching and teaching and Red infiltration, and continues to support and countenance such false leaders even after they are exposed. They pour their contributions into the funds of the church, which in turn are used to help defray the activities of these leaders, and permit themselves

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to be counted in the ranks of such men. By so doing the rank and file of church members in National Council denominations have been aiding and abetting these pro-communist modernist leaders in their dual treason against Christ and the nation.

For this the occupant of the pew will be held accountable by Almighty God, now, and when Christ Jesus His Son judges the works of men. So will the fundamentalist preachers who have remained in such deplorable compromising connections and fail to expose the modernism and communist infiltration in their denomination. They undoubtedly are more accountable than the rank and file they have failed to warn. They certainly know better than to remain in league with apostasy and communism but unfortunately that has become the order of the day with the encouragement and example of men like Billy Graham. These men, many of them good men, stay on the inside and by so doing aid apostasy and Red infiltration, even though they themselves are not apostate and have no time for communism. But if they in obedience to the Commands of God's word came out of their present connections it would mean sacrificing pensions, big churches often, prestige, respectability, and position. Some by remaining in have been rewarded by the powers that be with prominent positions, but only on the condition that they will go along with the status quo. They let their fundamental brethren who have suffered reproach for Christ's sake and gone without the camp, bear the ignominy and the shame and do the fighting for the faith once for all time delivered unto the saints that they should be doing.

If the true Christians yet within the denominations, both lay and clerical, did the right thing they would present charges against these many heretics and pro-Reds within the church and see that they are brought to trial, refuse to support them with their money and demand that they no longer be counted in their ranks. If tried and found guilty of treason to the historic Christian faith and to their nation these apostate ministers should be unfrocked and dismissed. They haven't hesitated to ruthlessly suppress and unfrock those in the ministry who in faithfulness to God and Country have been exposing heresy and communism in the church. After they do succeed in having a faithful pastor unfrocked, whenever the charge of Red infiltration and heresy is revived, they try to divert attention from themselves by declaring in certain instances that the ones making charges against them and their denominations are deposed men, and the slanted press invariably helps them out and attacks the fundamentalists making the charges and holds them up to scorn and ridicule instead of honestly facing and answering the charges. None of the fundamentalists that I know of who are exposing them were unfrocked by their former denominations on doctrinal or moral grounds but because they exposed things that were wrong in the church.

Now if these heretics and Reds in the church can't be disciplined and un-frocked then the Lord's people in those denominations ought to cut off all moral and financial support and withdraw from such denominations and seek membership in fundamental churches of their particular persuasion which have no heretical or communistic connections or sympathies or if need be get together with other true Christians and organize such a church. We will gladly help them. The problem confronting true Christians in the denominations is very simple, if they can't succeed in disciplining and ousting the heretics and Reds they must get out.

The Word of God is very clear and if they are faithful and true to Him they must obey these commands:—

*“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?— or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?— Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;” — “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness — —” II Cor. 6:14-7:1*

*“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove” (i. e. expose) “them”. Eph. 5:11*

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*Communist Infiltration  
into Indiana*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am very concerned with the articles in the Christian Faith and Life Lessons of the Presbyterian Church, written by Mr. M. Holmes Hartshorne, Professor of Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. In fact, for the past nine months, most of the articles seem to have been written from a Communistic viewpoint.

Would it be possible to get a list of the known communists in the Presbyterian Church? If I am wrong about these articles, I would like to know it and if I am right (and we are teaching communism in our church) I would certainly want to do something about it. As the matter now stands, most of the members of our church admit being "mixed up" or "confused" in their thinking (thanks to these lessons), but because of an author's educational background, they should accept his theories. I, personally, cannot accept the theories of some of these authors and as an elder in our church, I feel a deep responsibility for its teachings.

Thank you very much for any help you may be able to give me.

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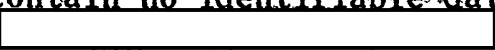
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Correspondent is concerned with articles written in a church paper by Hartshorne, a professor at Colgate University, and believes they may have been written from a communistic viewpoint. He inquires if it is possible to get a list of known communists in the Presbyterian Church and adds that if he is wrong about the articles, he wants to know about it. He contends that because of the educational background of the above author, members of his church feel they should accept his theories.

Mr. Parsons

April 20, 1960

A. H. Belmont

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**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES  
OF CHRIST  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

During the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearing of 2/25/60 regarding the controversial Air Reserve Center Training Manual, [redacted] of HCUA stated HCUA had found over 100 persons in a leadership capacity in the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes. We requested Mr. DeLoach's office to secure from HCUA the list of names, together with the subversive listings for each individual, compiled by HCUA. On 3/30/60 the HCUA furnished a list of 160 names. The background information furnished was very meager and no subversive data was included for any of the individuals listed.

We checked the names of the 160 individuals against the names listed in the organizational setup of the NCCC as set out in the "Yearbook of American Churches for 1960," a book issued in September 1959 by the NCCC, and only 19 are listed therein. None of these 19 individuals are on our Security Index or have been positively identified as past or present Communist Party (CP) members. Of these 19, only seven are presently listed as current national officers of the NCCC. These seven are Reverend Edwin T. Dahlberg, president; Most Reverend [redacted] Arthur Gardiner Coons, Francis S. Harmon, Bishop B. Julian Smith, and [redacted] all Vice Presidents at Large; and Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, divisional vice president. Bureau files do not contain any identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning Harmon and [redacted]. Of the remaining five, it is noted that the latest activity of a subversive nature concerning any of them was that of Reverend Dahlberg, whose latest subversive activity was in 1954. The names of these officers and the results of our file reviews concerning them were set forth in the Brief on "Communism and Religion" which was prepared in March, 1960. The remaining 12 individuals hold lesser positions in the NCCC and do not appear to be on a policy-making level. Bureau files do not contain any identifiable data of a subversive nature concerning five of them and the latest subversive activity on the part of any of the other seven was in 1952.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the National  
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It is noted that the remainder of the 160 individuals whose names were included on the HCUA list are either past officers of the NCCC or were merely representatives of their churches to the constituting convention of the NCCC in 1950, representatives of their churches to various general assemblies of the NCCC or were members of the Bible Revision Committee (a project sponsored by the NCCC and its predecessor, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, which resulted in the preparation and adoption of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible). We have checked the names of all 160 individuals on the HCUA list through our indices and reviewed thousands of file references concerning them. In those instances where summaries had not previously been prepared, we have prepared summaries to be placed in the case files of those individuals. It is also noted that none of these individuals are on our Security Index or have been positively identified as CP members, either past or present.

In evaluating the information submitted by HCUA, it is obvious that it will not backup [redacted] statement that there are over 100 persons in a leadership capacity of the NCCC with either a communist front record or a record of service to the communist cause. Only 19 individuals of the 160 submitted have any current connection with the NCCC according to the "Yearbook of American Churches for 1960." The 160 names submitted by the HCUA did not add anything new to the information we already had concerning communist efforts to penetrate the NCCC nor was any information developed through our file review which would indicate that the CP, USA, is currently dictating the policies of the NCCC.

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For your additional information in connection with this matter, according to the 4/8/60 issue of a newsletter of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) several Congressmen (unidentified) have indicated that on 4/20/60 they will discuss the part played by HCUA in connection with the recently repudiated Air Force manual and that this discussion will pave the way for an all-out attack against the HCUA by Congressman James Roosevelt on the floor of the House on 4/25/60. It may be that this will touch off another round of charges and countercharges concerning the Air Force manual and communist infiltration of churches. The ECLC has been cited by the HCUA as a communist front and is presently under active Bureau investigation as a communist front.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of any further pertinent developments concerning this matter.



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Atlanta Georgia  
May 11, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir :

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Your letter dated May 11, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

The FBI has, from time to time, issued various statements and articles concerning the menace of communism. I am enclosing some of this material, which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, ATLANTA

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

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Bureau files reveal cordial correspondence with Dr. Carl McIntire. He heads a controversial religious group in the Camden, New Jersey, area. (94-37990)

Billy James Hargis is a nondenominational minister and has been described as a "hillbilly-type evangelist." In late 1957 he was the subject of a Registration Act investigation following his contacts with the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and a visit to that country. The Department, in April, 1958, however, advised that there was insufficient evidence to establish that he was an agent of the Dominican Republic. (97-3475)

Bureau files reveal that the Circuit Riders, Inc., is an organization of laymen from the Methodist Church whose objective is to combat communism in our churches. The FBI has not investigated Circuit Riders, Inc. (~~94-37990~~)  
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The Cinema Educational Guild is allegedly an anticommunist group which has been responsible for the distribution of anticommunist, anti-Negro and anti-Semitic pamphlets. (62-87267.)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "God and Country or Communism?"
2. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
3. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requested information concerning communist activity in the NCCC. She requested a list of pertinent publications concerning this topic. Correspondent requested information concerning Dr. Carl McIntire, Dr. Billy James Hargis, Circuit Riders, Inc., and Cinema Educational Guild, Inc. In view of the controversial nature of correspondent's inquiries, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: February 24, 1960

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: ~~COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCHES~~  
~~AND PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS~~  
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The Director requested an up-to-date memorandum on infiltration of communism into our churches and also any material on Parent-Teacher Associations. The following is a summary concerning this matter and a detailed memorandum is attached.

### COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCHES

#### Communist Party, USA, Program:

The Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), has a current program aimed at infiltration of legitimate organizations of all types, including church groups. The Party's objectives are to gain respectability, to provide an opportunity for the subtle dissemination of communist propaganda, to make contact with youth, to exploit the Church in the Party's day-to-day agitational program, to enlarge the area of Party contacts, and to influence clergymen. The communists approach this problem subtly and at present virtually nothing is being said in open Party propaganda that is antireligious.

#### Bureau Policy:

We follow communist infiltration into church groups through two programs. (1) Our over-all investigation of the CPUSA in which quarterly reports are submitted. There is a section in these reports which requires specific comment from the field concerning infiltration of religious groups. (2) Our program especially designed to follow communist infiltration into legitimate nonsubversive organizations which includes churches. Here again the field is required to specifically comment on any infiltration into church groups. If we have infiltration, a case is opened with prior Bureau authority. We have one such case.

#### National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC):

The National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC), the leading Protestant church body in the United States, is comprised of

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33 denominations and an estimated membership of over 39 million. It has 18 national officers. Its president, Edwin T. Dahlberg, has a past history of communist front affiliations. Our files show four other of the national officers also have in the past engaged in communist front activity. None of these 18 national officers are currently members of the CPUSA according to information in our files. We have never investigated the NCCC; however, available information indicates the CPUSA does not control the policies of this body.

Allegations the National Council of the Churches of Christ is Communist Infiltrated:

The NCCC has been charged by several sources as being communist infiltrated. One such accuser, the American Council of Christian Laymen, has persistently made such charges. This organization, which was founded in 1949, is comprised of all denominations which are interested in moral and religious phases of national and international issues. This organization published a pamphlet in 1948 entitled "How Red is The National Council of Churches?" This pamphlet was republished in 1950. It attempted to prove communist influence in the NCCC by alleging communist front affiliation of certain officers of the NCCC. In 1953, the NCCC refuted the allegations in a pamphlet "Plain Facts About The National Council of The Churches of Christ in the USA." In addition, Edgar C. Sundry, general chairman, Church League of America, a non-denominational organization designed to fight communist infiltration into Protestant churches, publicly stated on February 18, 1960, he would go under oath to prove the NCCC is one of the greatest enemies to our national security.

Allegations of Communist Infiltration into Church Groups:

J. S. Matthews, former executive staff director of the McCarthy Committee, authored an article which appears in the July, 1953, issue of "American Mercury," which claimed at least seven thousand Protestant clergymen have been enlisted in CP activities during the previous 17 years. Little proof was offered to substantiate Matthew's charges, which stirred up quite a controversy, as a result of which he resigned from the McCarthy Committee.

H. G. Lowman, of the Circuit Riders, Incorporated, Cincinnati, Ohio, an organization of laymen opposed to the policies of the NCCC,



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has issued several pamphlets alleging communist infiltration of various Protestant churches and clergy. Lowman's pamphlets are not authoritative pamphlets on the subject of communist infiltration into religious groups inasmuch as they are very poorly documented, if at all.

House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Pamphlet  
"Communism And Religion":

In November, 1948, the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) published a pamphlet entitled "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion." This pamphlet does not contribute materially to the question of communist infiltration into religion. In substance, it contains only one idea, namely that communism is opposed to religion. This pamphlet is organized in question-and-answer form and, according to press reports, question number 61, which sets out warnings about communist infiltration of religion, was incorporated in the Air Force Manual.

Communist Use of Clergymen in Petition Campaigns:

The CPUSA has had considerable success in persuading clergymen to sign various types of petitions aimed at furthering communist interests and programs. This is done subtly and the signers, for the most part, are not aware they are signing a communist petition. A prime example is the current concerted campaign being carried on by the CPUSA to secure a parole or pardon for Henry Winston, convicted communist leader. A number of clergymen have signed petitions urging parole or pardon for Winston.

Communists Affiliated with Religious Groups:

A complete review of our Security Index shows that 13 ministers' names are included in our Security Index. Six of these men are active in church work while seven are retired or inactive. In addition, the names of 21 church workers are included in our Security Index. These 21 people are, for the most part, engaged in clerical work for various church groups. None of these individuals appear to wield any substantial influence on the national policies of the church groups of which they are affiliated.

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Observations

In summing up the information we have concerning the efforts of the CP, USA, to infiltrate American church groups, it is evident that the CP, USA, has as one of its targets among legitimate mass organizations the infiltration of American church groups. The CP, USA, is approaching this problem of infiltrating church groups in a very subtle manner and at the present time virtually nothing is being said in open Party propaganda that is antireligious. The Party's greatest success in influencing American clergymen in any way has been its ability to persuade them to sign petitions. This is not so startling considering the fact the petitions are not usually presented as or for religious purposes. The clergymen are approached on the basis they will be lending their names to a worthy cause such as peace, civil rights, or amnesty for some individual serving an alleged unjust jail sentence. While this does not mean that the CP, USA, is able to control the policies of the church groups, it does reveal they were able, although it may have been through subterfuge, to influence the thinking of a number of clergymen with respect to the communist propaganda involved in the petitions signed. Our investigations disclose that the religious body of the nation as a whole considers itself to be a certain enemy of communism and church groups on a national basis do not have their policies dictated or influenced by the CP, USA.

With respect to the National Council of the Churches of Christ, it seems obvious from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is not controlling the policies of this body. However, we do have information that Edwin F. Landberg, president of this group, and four of its national officers have been affiliated with communist front organizations. We have not conducted investigations on any of these individuals. It is significant to note, however, that although they may have been involved in communist front activity the CP, USA, has not been able to convert them to communist membership. Neither has the CP, USA, been able to place a communist on the staff of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. It is not possible to evaluate to what intangible extent communist influence was wielded in this organization by virtue of the fact that its president and four of its national officers have been affiliated with communist front groups.

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Communist Party Propaganda

The Communist Party's continuing program of attempting to infiltrate mass organizations includes the P.T.A.s.

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FBI Policy

We follow communist attempts through our over-all investigation of the Communist Party, USA, and our specific program of ascertaining communist infiltration into legitimate noncommunist organizations, including PTAs. Under this program no investigation of any PTA at this time is being conducted.

Background of PTA

There are 44,047 locals of the PTA with a national membership of 11,018,156 which comprise the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, founded in 1897, with national headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Bureau indices negative concerning current national officers.

Communist Infiltration of Local PTA Groups

A perusal of information received under the above-mentioned program indicates that in spite of the Communist Party's announced intention of infiltrating mass organizations, it does not at this time dominate or control any PTA group. The Communist Party's attempts continue to receive the investigative attention of the field and the supervisory attention of the Seat of Government.

We are alert to opportunities to publicize to its disadvantage Communist Party efforts to infiltrate PTAs. For example in April, 1959,

[redacted] considered a Communist Party member in 1949, [redacted] Silver Spring, Maryland. Bureau contacts in the journalistic field were furnished that information and [redacted] was subsequently subpoenaed before the HCUA where he invoked the Fifth Amendment 39 times. As a consequence of resulting adverse publicity, he was [redacted]

[redacted] Los Angeles Office security subject and reportedly associated with the Communist Party in 1957, was recently [redacted] in Los Angeles, California. Information concerning that matter now being prepared for possible publication similar to handling of information concerning [redacted]

OBSERVATIONS:

Continuing thorough review and analysis of the information received from the field will permit the Bureau to become immediately cognizant of any success which the Communist Party may achieve in the future concerning the infiltration of mass organizations, including PTAs.

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TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: JANUARY 21, 1960

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Communist Party Program

The Communist Party (CP) for many years has had a program to infiltrate legitimate mass organizations of all types, including churches and church groups. In its infiltration work, the policy of the CP is to use any current issue that has public appeal or a humanitarian angle to it, such as, disarmament; peaceful coexistence; civil rights and liberties; and amnesty for such "political prisoners" as Henry Winston, convicted CP leader, and Morton Sobell, convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage.

The communist attitude and policy toward religion, churches and clergymen is a "two-face" proposition. Communism, by its very nature, is against and out to destroy religion and can be summed up as meaning godlessness. On the other hand, the communists will use the churches and clergymen in any way possible to promulgate their aims and desires. An example of the Party's program is disclosed in an article entitled "For Peace and Against the Monopolies," which appears in the 2/00 issue of "Political Affairs," theoretical organ of CP, USA. This article, written by Herbert Aptheker, theoretician of CP, on page 17, states: "To bring the fight for peace to the pace demanded by current developments, it is urgent to bring such issues as disarmament and peaceful coexistence before every community, church, labor union and other organization of the people...."

**ENCLOSURE**

One of the main approaches by communists in the religious field is either through the utilization of clergymen and prominent church people who may be friendly or sympathetic to the communist cause, or by "cuping," either directly or through "third party contacts," other clergymen and

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prominent church people into supporting issues of vital interest to the CP; into lending their names in support of such issues; et cetera. The communist work in infiltrating the religious field is carried on in a most subtle and hard-to-detect manner. As the Director noted on 5/5/54 in receiving the 1954 Award of the Military Chaplains Association, "A bitter communist attack is being waged today - often in subtle forms - against all religions and denominations... The skilled communist propaganda machine has long directed fierce assaults toward members of the clergy and church groups...secret communists are seeking to establish themselves in churches... Their purpose is to seek a cloak of respectability and then to quietly work for the communist cause."

#### FBI Policy

We do not have a current investigation regarding over-all communist infiltration into religious groups. We keep abreast of the efforts of the communists to penetrate into our churches through our over-all investigation of the CPUSA and our specific program especially designed to follow communist infiltration into legitimate nonsubversive organizations which includes churches. Under our policy we initiate investigations regarding communist infiltration of any church group if the communists have infiltrated the group in sufficient numbers to substantially influence or control the affairs of the group. However, such an investigation may be started by the field only with prior Bureau authority. (We have only one such investigation. It involves the First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles, California. The Reverend Stephen Fritchman is the pastor. His name is included in our Security Index.)

#### Church Movement in U. S.

According to the 1959 issue of "Statistical Abstract of the United States," page 46, as of 1957 there were 306,893 churches in the United States with 228,281 pastors and a membership of 104,190,000. The 1960 issue of "The World Almanac," page 711, discloses that as of 1959 there were 251 religious bodies reporting a total membership of 109,557,741.

#### National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC)

NCCC is the leading Protestant church body in the United States. Its headquarters are located at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York City. It is comprised of 33 denominations with an estimated membership of over 39,000,000.

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The following were listed as national officers of the NCCC,  
according to a folder issued by the NCCC in 1959:

President - Reverend Edwin T. Lahlberg  
Vice Presidents at Large - [redacted]  
Arthur Gardiner Coons  
Francis S. Hanson  
Charles C. Farlin  
Bishop J. Julian Smith  
Charles E. Taff  
[redacted]  
Vice Presidents for Divisions - Bishop Leuben H. Mueller  
Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam  
Reverend Virgil A. Sly  
Reverend Willard L. Wickizer  
[redacted]  
Recording Secretary - Reverend Norman J. Baugher

According to page 716 of the 1960 issue of "The World Almanac,"  
the following are its present officers:

President - Reverend Edwin T. Lahlberg  
Treasurer - Charles J. Wilson  
Associate Treasurer - John K. Platt  
Recording Secretary - Reverend Norman J. Baugher  
General Secretary - Reverend Roy G. Loss  
Associate Secretary - Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy

Dufiles do not contain any identifiable information with  
Baugher, [redacted] and Wickizer.

Edwin Theodore Lahlberg - Dufiles disclose Lahlberg has reportedly  
been affiliated with several communist front organizations, including  
the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder; Committee for Peaceful  
Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact; National Committee to Repeal the  
McCarran Act; and the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties.  
In 1954 he reportedly signed a petition to Senator Langer, urging an  
investigation of informers who have testified at Congressional hearings,  
and the use being made of their testimony.

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[redacted] - Most Reverend [redacted]  
[redacted] was listed as a member of a  
"Citizenship and Education" discussion group at the 3/2/50 conference  
of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born held in Wash-  
ington, D. C. This organization has been designated by the Attorney  
General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Arthur Garfield Coons - Coons is president of Occidental College,  
Los Angeles, California. In 1951 he was investigated under "International  
Development Program" which disclose he was listed as a sponsor of or  
affiliated with several communist dominated groups. His associates  
considered him loyal. In 1959 Coons accused a Bureau Agent of entering  
Occidental Campus "clandestinely" and of obtaining information to which  
he was not entitled. Bureau authority is now necessary for any contact  
at Occidental.

Francis S. Larson - Francis S. Larson, vice president of Motion  
Picture Association, New York City, is an editor and lawyer. No inves-  
tigation has been conducted of Larson and Bufiles do not contain any  
 derogatory data of a subversive nature concerning him.

Charles C. Parlin - Charles C. Parlin is a prominent Methodist  
lawyer, who is a member of the New York law firm of Sherman, Sterling  
and Wright. Parlin was a member of a delegation of nine Protestant  
Church leaders who toured Soviet Russia during March, 1950, as repre-  
sentatives of the NCCU.

Reverend S. Julian Smith - Reverend S. Julian Smith, secretary,  
General Board of Religious Education, Christian Methodist Episcopal  
Church, was a sponsor of the Third All-Southern Negro Youth Conference  
held 4/28-5/3/59 in Birmingham, Alabama. This conference was sponsored  
by the Southern Negro Youth Congress, designated by the Attorney General  
pursuant to Executive Order 10450. The 6/10/53 issue of the "Daily  
Worker" listed Reverend S. Julian Smith as a signer of an appeal directed  
to President Eisenhower for clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg,  
convicted for conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of Russia.

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Charles P. Taft - Charles P. Taft, lawyer, Cincinnati, Ohio, is the son of Howard Taft, former President of the United States. An applicant-type investigation was conducted in 1953 when Taft was a candidate for a presidential appointment and associates considered him loyal and no unfavorable information was developed.

[redacted] - No investigation has been conducted concerning [redacted] of Washington, D. C.

Bishop Leuben A. Mueller - Bishop Leuben A. Mueller is the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. No investigation has been conducted of Mueller and no derogatory information contained in Bufiles.

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Bishop G. Crowley Cunniff - Bishop G. Crowley Cunniff, a Bishop of the Methodist Church in the Washington, D. C., area since 1952, has been an active lecturer on religious and social issues which have at times been of a controversial nature. Some groups with which he has been associated have been cited as communist fronts; however, Bishop Cunniff has denounced communism during speeches and voluntarily testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 7/23/53 concerning his association with communist front groups.

[redacted] - Based on the limited identifiable information available concerning [redacted] a positive identification could not be made through Bureau indices and a review of Bufiles. However, a file was located for one [redacted] who was listed as formerly [redacted] of the Kirkville Episcopal Church, Kirkville, Missouri; St. Mark's Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri; and St. Grace Church, New York City. This individual was active in numerous communist front organizations; however, it is not known whether he is identical with the [redacted] who is listed as [redacted] of NCCC, it being noted that the NCCC folder did not carry his title as a [redacted]

[redacted] - No identifiable derogatory information of a subversive nature was located in Bufiles regarding [redacted]

Reverend Roy G. Ross - No investigation has been conducted concerning Ross. The 6/15/50 issue of "The New York Times" notes that on the previous day eight Russian church leaders had wound up a series of formal "conversations" with Protestant clergy in the United States. The Russian



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Leaders had visited the United States pursuant to arrangements made by the NCCC. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary, of the NCCC, was listed as one of the participants on the American side in connection with the final "conversation."

The Washington City News Service on 2/28/50 reported that Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the NCCC, had warned that some Christian leaders in Red China were taking a "naive" view of the communist government's treatment of religion and he stated he was "astonished" to find Chinese clergymen proclaiming there has been no interference of freedom of worship since the communists took over. Ross was quoted as stating that assurances that Chinese churches enjoy freedom is "directly contradicted" by information from Christian sources behind the Iron Curtain. Dr. Ross said that church leaders in China, in order to hold their positions under the Red regime, evidently had found it necessary to sharply restrict their activities of the church's "proper" function and "have developed concepts of religion and of the church which place a gulf between religion and life."

Dr. R. H. Lavin - spy - No identifiable derogatory information of a subversive nature was located in Bufiles regarding Lavin.

According to the various newspaper accounts which have recently been written concerning the controversy about the Air Force Manual, James Lavin was mentioned as being the associate general counsel of the NCCC. We have never conducted an investigation concerning Lavin and the files of this Bureau contain no pertinent identifiable data concerning him.

Most of the allegations of communism in churches has been leveled against the NCCC. The main accuser has been the American Council of Christian Laymen (ACCL), which in 1948 published a pamphlet, "How Red is the National Council of Churches?" which was re-edited and republished in 1950. This pamphlet set forth the alleged communist front affiliation of certain officials of the NCCC. In 1953, NCCC issued a pamphlet, "Plain Facts About the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA," refuting the allegations of ACCL.

The Bureau has never conducted an investigation of the NCCC; however, we have in the past checked with informants and did not develop any

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indication that communists influence the policies of this organization. It was the NCCC which recently protested the training manual issued for the Air Force Reserve in which communism was linked with U. S. churches. Subsequently, the Air Force withdrew the manual.

Another accuser of the NCCC is Edgar C. Bundy, general chairman, Church League of America, which, according to Bundy is a non-denominational organization designed to fight communist infiltration into Protestant churches. According to a "Washington Capital News Service" release dated 2/18/60, Bundy stated he would be willing "to go under oath at any time to prove that the National Council of Churches is one of the greatest enemies we have in regard to national security." The Church League of America and Bundy are headquartered in Wheaton, Illinois. We have never investigated Bundy nor the League. Our files disclose Bundy is a former Baptist minister who lectures extensively on communism. Our dealings with him have been most circumspect. He was prominent in American Legion circles and is known to Assistant Director DeLoach. Several years ago he invited Mr. DeLoach to speak to "his group," it being assumed "his group" related to his American Legion Post. However, it was later discovered that the group was in reality a highly controversial political group in Illinois and the invitation was declined.

#### Allegations of Communist Infiltration

One of the foremost alleged of cominfil into churches has been J. B. Matthews, a former Protestant clergyman, a former executive secretary of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and an executive staff director of the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee (McCarthy Committee). Matthews wrote an article entitled "Reds and Our Churches" which appeared in the 7/53 issue of the "American Mercury." In this article Matthews stated that at least 7,000 Protestant clergymen had been enlisted in CP activities during the previous 17 years. This article stirred up quite a controversy and resulted in Matthews' resigning from the McCarthy Committee. A review was made of the article at that time and it was determined that although Matthews showed clearly that some of the Protestant clergy had been involved in communist front activity to some extent, his article offered little proof to substantiate his sweeping charges. In general the article appeared to be merely sensational journalism rather than a serious study of the facts. It was further noted that the article was not fair to the Protestant clergy of the country.

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Another exponent of the cominfil of churches and a close associate of Matthews, is A. G. Lowman of the Circuit Riders, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio. The Circuit Riders is an organization of laymen opposed to the policies of the NCCC and the Revised Standard Version of The Bible, which was a project of the NCCC. Lowman has been carrying on an anticommunist crusade for years, and his crusade has been aimed mainly at the Protestant churches and clergy. The main source of Lowman's data is Matthews and House Committee on Un-American Activities records. Examples of Lowman's works, which he distributes widely, are seen in the following:

1. "A Compilation of Public Records - 2059 - 1411 Protestant Episcopal Rectors (as of 1955)," published 8/58. This booklet has no preface or any type of an introduction as to its contents. A release accompanying the booklet states this 208-page book lists the records of 1411 Protestant Episcopal rectors as they appeared "in support of Communist-related and pro-Communist causes." The release also states that: "The ordained rectors of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the clergy of all other major denominations in the United States, on a percentage basis, in loaning their names publicly in support of Communist enterprises or affiliations." While this booklet shows the compilation was "as of 1955," an examination of it shows that a considerable amount of the activity on the part of the individuals listed therein related to the 1930s and 1940s. It is also noted that no effort is made to document the communist character of the various organizations listed therein.

2. "A Compilation of Public Records - 2109 - Methodist Ministers," issued in 7/50. A release accompanying this booklet states it "indicates in part the political, economic, and 'social gospel' activities of 2109 American Methodist clergymen"; "this record speaks clearly for itself - no inference beyond the text is made or implied"; and that "there is no doubt many of these people were innocently duped, deceived, or exploited...." This booklet, like the previous one, makes no effort to document the communist character of the various organizations mentioned.

3. "A Compilation of Public Records - 20 of the 95 Men who gave us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible." This booklet has been highlighted in the current controversy concerning the Air Force Manual. It claims that 20 of the 95 men who were officially connected with the Revised Standard Version of the Bible project "have been communist fellow travelers in one form or another..." and their activities date from the early 1930s up to 1950. It also states that this represents a high degree of communist infiltration into the apparatus of the NCCC, which presides over the project.

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We have searched the above 30 names through our indices and reviewed pertinent file references concerning these individuals. Based on the limited amount of available identifying data set forth in the 1000 let we did not find any identifiable derogatory information of a subversive nature concerning the following 14 names: [redacted]

[redacted] Reverend Julius August Sewer [redacted]  
[redacted] Clarence P. Craig [redacted]  
[redacted] William L. Sperry, [redacted]  
[redacted]

However, we did locate data indicating communist front activity on the following remaining 16 names: [redacted] Dr. Walter Russell Bowie, Reverend Dr. Arlo Agass Brown, William Burrows, Henry J. Cadbury, Frederick Clifford Grant, [redacted] James Hoffatt, [redacted] Leroy Watchman, Luther W. Weigh, [redacted] and [redacted]

House Committee on Un-American Activities Pamphlet "Communism and Religion"

In November, 1946, the House Committee on Un-American Activities published a pamphlet entitled "Five Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion." This pamphlet does not contribute materially to the question of communist infiltration into religion. In substance it contains only one idea; namely, communism is opposed to religion. This pamphlet is organized in question and answer form and according to press reports question of which sets out warnings about communist infiltration in religion was incorporated in the Air Force manual.

Communist use of Clergyman

One of the most successful approaches used by communists in the religious field is its ability to obtain the names of clergymen and prominent church people on various types of petitions aimed at furthering some communist program. The Party carries out this program very subtly and most of the clergymen who sign such petitions are not aware that they are affixing their name to a communist-sponsored paper. Examples of the subtleness of the communist utilization of clergymen are apparent in the following:

- (1) The CP has recently been carrying on a concerted campaign to secure a parole or pardon for Henry Winston, convicted CP leader. One of the steps taken by the Party in this matter was to have Reverend [redacted] New York City, contact Reverend [redacted] Washington, D. C., in February, 1960. The plan was to attempt to have [redacted] President Eisenhower's [redacted] exert pressure on the President regarding the possibility of granting a full pardon for Winston. As

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[redacted] had a history of affiliation with several communist front organizations since 1940, and was being used by the Party to further its program. We contacted [redacted] on 2/10/59, and confidentially advised him of [redacted] plans. This resulted in [redacted] and the CP's plans being thwarted.

(2) The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) has been adept in its ability to "dupe" clergymen into supporting and lending their names to its petition campaign pleading for Sobell's release from prison. The CSJMS's "Clergyman Appeal" in 1959 resulted in securing the signature of over 275 clergymen of various denominations. This appeal was directed to the President requesting him to grant amnesty to Sobell during the Christmas season.

(3) Helen Sobell, Morton's wife, has been most successful in "conning" minister groups into supporting the Sobell cause. Posing as the "faithful wife and devoted mother," she has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. pleading with all groups which would listen to her. In Phoenix, Arizona, she was successful in persuading the Executive Committee of the Phoenix Council of Ministers to pass a resolution on behalf of her husband.

#### Review of the Security Index

We have reviewed the Security Index for the names of individuals listed therein who are presently employed in one capacity or another in the church movement. Set forth below are the identities, and a brief statement concerning their communist activities, of these individuals:

#### Ministers

[redacted] - Recently [redacted] (12/15/59) [redacted]  
[redacted] Celina, Texas, and is now residing in  
Carmersfield, California. His present position is unknown. He is on  
Security Index list because he was a CP member in 1953; active associate  
of Progressive Party in 1954; associated with the Dallas Committee to  
Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in December, 1954. [redacted] was inter-  
viewed 10/19/59 at which time he denied CP membership but admitted CP-  
sponsored activity.

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[redacted] Essex Community Church, Chicago, Illinois. Included on Security Index because of his leadership capacity as chairman of the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born in 1959, and his proclivity to attend and give innumerable speeches or talks at CP front group activities in the Chicago area.

[redacted] Minister, Saint Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church, East Chicago, Indiana. Subject on Security Index because he was registered member of CP as late as 1955.

[redacted] New York City. Included on the Security Index as Informant [redacted] advised in 1951 that information had come to his attention which in effect disclosed that the subject was known to reliable officials in [redacted]

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[redacted] was in contact with influential communists.

While in Europe from December, 1950, to January, 1953, the subject was reliably reported to have violated his United States passport by visiting communist-dominated countries including China and Russia. As of January, 1954, the "Daily Worker" indicated that the subject was a co-director of the American Peace Crusade.

Forbes, Kenneth Ripley - Retired Episcopalian Minister, who resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is included on the Security Index because he was national honorary co-chairman of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, as of 11/58.

Fritchman, Stephen Hale - Pastor, the First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, California. Fritchman is included on the Security Index because of his activities and support in behalf of CP front organizations as recently as 1959 and because of his position of leadership in some of these organizations.

[redacted] the Hartford Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. Is included on Security Index because he was uncooperative at House Committee on Un-American Activities hearing 12/2/50, Chicago, Illinois, and declined to answer questions. He took Fifth Amendment. Informant advised members of McGraw CP Club in September, 1957, contacted subject regarding action to take in "Little Rock school incident." Another informant advised that Bill on 11/2/50 was elected honorary co-chairman of the Michigan Committee for Protection

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\*The Michigan Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is an affiliate of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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of foreign born; informant advised during December, 1958, that subject at the 26th annual Conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born was elected honorary co-chairman of that organization.

King, Joseph Phillip - Pastor, The International Church, Chapel 201, Chicago, Illinois. He is on the Security Index. He reportedly stated in August, 1957, that he has been active in the CP for 21 years, and although inactively lately, he will soon reactivate in the CP. King also reportedly a CP member in 1958.

Melish, William Howard - Episcopal minister, Brooklyn, New York. He is on the Security Index because of his continued association with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450, in 11/58. He was removed as Supply Priest, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York, by an order of court of New York.

Korffert, Richardson Arden - An ordained Presbyterian minister who resides in New York City. He is employed as director, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450, and in view of this employment he is included in the Security Index. b6 b7c

Paul, Lattie - Employed doing missionary work as a reverend for Mount Baker Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington. Included on Security Index because of his 1959 membership in the Socialist Workers Party, an organization designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] Congregational Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Included on Security Index because of his reported attendance at CP meetings in 1957; reported payments of dues and attendance at a meeting of the State Board of the Ohio CP in 1/2/59.

Ward, Harry Frederick - Retired minister, professor of Christian Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, from 1918 - 1941. He retired in 1941 and resides in Fallside, New Jersey. Included on Security Index because of his active participation in CP fronts within past three years. He has no present connection with any church.

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Church Workers

[redacted] - Employee Riverside Memorial Chapel,  
Brooklyn, New York, in unidentified position. She is on Security  
Index because she was observed entering site of Kings County CP  
Convention on 1/20/57. She refused to be interviewed by FBI agents  
on 9/13/57.

[redacted] Westwood Temple, Los  
Angeles, California. She is on the Security Index because she was  
chairman of an emergency joint meeting of the CP clubs of the Santa  
Monica-Venice, California, areas held in October, 1959; numerous CP  
meetings and functions were held in her home during 1958-1959.

[redacted] Employee, Temple Beth Shalom,  
San Leandro, California. On Security Index because of attendance at  
CP Oakland Section Council meeting on 7/30/56 and regular dues and  
sustainer paying member of the Dr. Hayward Club during 1950.

[redacted] Yeshivath Beth Yehudah,  
Detroit, Michigan. On Security Index since informant reported that as  
of 3/25/59 subject was a member of the CP of Michigan.

[redacted] Community Center, Church  
of the Master, New York City. He is on the Security Index because he  
was an active CP member in 1958 and attended New York CP conference in  
June, 1958.

[redacted] First  
Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, California. She is on the Security  
Index because of her leadership in the Citizens Committee to Preserve  
American Freedoms, as evidenced by her attendance at Executive Committee  
meetings of that organization in July, 1959, and September, 1959, and  
her direction of a group of volunteers in this organization as of June  
and July, 1959; also, she headed a Sobell Committee Chapter in Altadena,  
California, in September, 1959.

Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was organized  
in January, 1952, for the announced purpose of supporting a number of  
individuals from the medical and legal professions who had been subpoenaed  
to appear before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In the  
latter part of 1954 it became very active in opposition to State and  
Federal legislation directed at the communist movement.



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[redacted] Jewish  
Theological Seminary of America, New York City. She is on the Security  
Index because she is reportedly a CP member since 1944. Current member-  
ship not provable but she continues to associate herself with CP  
activities. In July, 1958, she was designated by the Harlem region  
CP to set up an operation in Harlem in behalf of the Powell election  
campaign.

[redacted] Yeshivath Parochial  
School, Brooklyn, New York. She is on the Security Index because she  
was observed to have entered and departed the address where a two-day  
Kings County CP membership conference was being held.

[redacted], American Council for  
Judaism, New York City. He is on the Security Index because he was a  
member of Queens County CP as of 6/28/55.

[redacted] Jewish Theological  
Seminary of America, New York City. He is on the Security Index because  
he transferred from Western Division, Los Angeles County CP to Chicago,  
Illinois, CP as of 5/1/50.

[redacted] Zionist Organization  
of America, Long Island Zionist Region, Manhasset 73, New York. She is  
on the Security Index because as of 3/26/57 she was reported to be [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Jamaica Section, Queens County CP. Subject  
reportedly resigned from CP during 1957. It is felt that she continues  
to be sympathetic to the communist movement.

[redacted] First Unitarian Church,  
Los Angeles, California. He is on the Security Index because of CP  
membership as late as 1954, coupled with his active participation in CP  
fronts as late as December, 1958.

[redacted] - Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey. Guest at this institution where he is [redacted]  
[redacted] characterized as a "Marxist Study of the Life  
of Jesus." He is on the Security Index because he contacted the New  
Jersey state CP chairman on 11/17/58 and admitted CP membership.

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[redacted] Church School,  
First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles, Calif. Included on the Security  
Index because of his CP membership in 1957.

[redacted] Hampton Institute, Hampton,  
Virginia. On Security Index because of leadership position in a CP  
front group. He was district organizer for the National Committee to  
Secure Justice for Bertin Sobell in the Rosenberg Case until December,  
1958, in Chicago, Illinois. During 1959 he moved to Hampton, Virginia.

[redacted] - Employed in the Division of Foreign  
Missions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., New York City. Included on  
Security Index because she was involved in Soviet espionage, turning  
over information to Jacob Golos and Elizabeth Bentley.

[redacted] - housewife and part-time [redacted] for  
[redacted] East People, Chicago, Illinois. Included on the  
Security Index as she attended a convention of the Hyde Park Section,  
Illinois-Indiana District, CP, USA, held at Chicago, Illinois, in  
February, 1958, and in August, 1958, she remarked that she was active  
in the Woodlawn Club, Hyde Park Section, CP of Illinois.

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[redacted] Madrona Cooperative  
Play Group, Madrona Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington. On  
Security Index since she was reported to be member of CP in December,  
1950.

[redacted] employed [redacted] at Temple  
Israel, Lawrence, New York. On the Security Index because he was the  
membership and financial director of the Rockaway Section of the Queens  
County CP as of 1/2/57, and although he resigned this position on  
2/1/57, he continued his CP membership.

[redacted] at The Riverside Church,  
New York City. Included on the Security Index as informant [redacted]  
advised on 2/15/57 that [redacted] was at that time a CP member.

[redacted] First Unitarian Church, Los  
Angeles, California. She is on the Security Index because she was a  
CP member until she dropped her membership in November, 1958.

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Observations

In summing up the information we have concerning the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate American church groups, it is evident that the Communist Party, USA, has as one of its targets among legitimate mass organizations the infiltration of American church groups. The Communist Party, USA, is approaching this problem of infiltrating church groups in a very subtle manner and at the present time virtually nothing is being said in open Party propaganda that is antireligious. The Party's greatest success in influencing American clergymen in any way has been its ability to persuade them to sign petitions. This is not so startling considering the fact the petitions are not usually presented as Communist Party petitions. The clergymen are approached on the basis they will be lending their names to a worthy cause such as peace, civil rights, or amnesty for some individual serving an alleged unjust jail sentence. While this does not mean that the Communist Party, USA, is able to control the policies of the church groups, it does reveal they were able, although it may have been through subterfuge, to influence the thinking of a number of clergymen with respect to the communist propaganda involved in the petitions signed.

With respect to the National Council of the Churches of Christ, it seems obvious from the information in our files that the Communist Party, USA, is not controlling the policies of this body. However, we do have information that Edwin T. Lahlberg, president of this group, and four of its national officers have been affiliated with communist front organizations. We have not conducted investigation on any of these individuals and they have not been converted to membership in the Communist Party, USA. Neither has the Communist Party, USA, been able to place a communist on the staff of the National Council of the Churches of Christ. It is not possible to state to what intangible extent communist influence was wielded in this organization by virtue of the fact that its president and four of its national officers have been affiliated with communist front groups.

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(PTA)

Communist Party Program

The CP's continuing program of attempting to infiltrate mass organizations includes the PTAs.

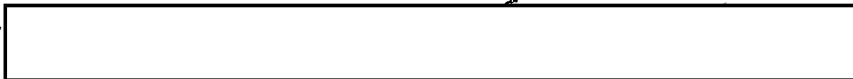
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FBI Policy

We do not have a current investigation regarding over-all CP attempted infiltration into the PTAs. We keep abreast of the efforts of the communists to penetrate into the PTAs through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and our specific program especially designed to follow communist infiltration into legitimate noncommunist organizations, which includes the PTAs. Under this policy, an investigation is initiated regarding communist infiltration of any PTA group if the communists have infiltrated the group in a sufficient number to substantially influence or control it. Such investigation may only be initiated with prior Bureau authority and no investigation of that type is in effect at the present time.

Background of PTA

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers (NCPT), founded in 1897, is an educational organization that unites the forces of home, school and the community for the education, welfare and protection of children and youth. Membership of the NCPT in 1959 was 11,018,156 in 44,047 locals (PTAs). The national headquarters of the NCPT are at 700 N. Rush St., Chicago, Ill.



Bureau indices contain no identifiable derogatory information regarding 

The June, 1958, issue of "National Parent-Teacher," the PTA magazine, contained a very favorable book review of "Masters of Deceit." The review was written by Harry A. Overstreet, who is well known to the Bureau.

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Communist Infiltration of Local PTA Groups

Examples of CP attempts to infiltrate various PTA groups and results of some attempts are set forth herein. In 1955 a leading CP functionary reporting on the Illinois-Indiana CP District stated the Party had 94 members in the PTA, which was subsequently ascertained had a membership in Illinois of approximately 375,000. On 2-9-59 an informant reported that, to his knowledge, there were two CP members presently members of the PTA in New York City. The Baltimore Office reported investigation conducted in December, 1959, failed to develop any information indicating that the CP is currently infiltrating the PTA. This information is indicative of data received from other offices which follow the CP attempts to infiltrate mass organizations and a perusal of the information indicates that the CP does not at this time dominate or control any PTA group.

CP members who join PTAs are instructed to publicize civil rights incidents, advocate peace, abandonment of nuclear weapons and protest methods of operation of police. For example, concerning the latter category, CP members in Philadelphia in May, 1958, were instructed to raise the question of the heavy concentration of police in certain Philadelphia neighborhoods and the methods of police in looking for crime since the CP alleged the police were overstepping their authority. The question was to be raised at civic group affairs, including PTA meetings, in an effort to organize a protest to the Mayor.

We are alert to opportunities to publicize to its disadvantage any efforts by the CP to infiltrate PTAs. For example, in April, 1959, [redacted] who was considered to be a CP member in 1949, was [redacted] of the PTA, Glen Haven School, Silver Spring, Maryland. That information was made available to Bureau contacts in the journalistic field. [redacted] was subsequently subpoenaed before the House Committee on Un-American Activities where he invoked the Fifth Amendment on numerous occasions and, as a consequence of the resulting adverse publicity, he was [redacted]

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[redacted] a Security Index subject of the  
Los Angeles Office who was reportedly associated with the CP as recently  
as 1957, was [redacted]  
the Commonwealth Elementary School PTA in Los Angeles, California.  
Information concerning that matter is now being prepared for possible  
publication in a manner similar to that utilized concerning [redacted]

The CP program of attempting to infiltrate mass organizations,  
including the PTAs, continues to receive the investigative attention of  
the field and the supervisory attention of Seat of Government.

OBSERVATIONS:

All Bureau offices are required to submit semiannual letters  
concerning CP attempts to infiltrate mass organizations, including PTAs,  
within their territories. Information contained in the resulting  
correspondence, as well as related information in Bufiles, is thoroughly  
reviewed and analyzed to ascertain whether CP activity in any particular  
mass organization warrants investigative attention by the Bureau. To  
date information received under this program does not indicate CP control  
or domination of any PTA local and the Bureau is not now investigating  
any PTA local.

Through the program of semiannual letters it is anticipated  
that should the CP ever experience any measure of success in its attempts  
to infiltrate the PTA, we will become immediately cognizant of it.

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ANCHOR POINT, ALASKA

May 12, 1960

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United States Dept. of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C. *Communist Infiltration into Religion*

My Dear sir:

It is a known fact that communism has for many years prevailed in the American churches. The recent expose brought about by the Air Force Reserve manual, however, has made this issue a national publicity item.

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We have an organization of fundamental Protestant churches in this area of Alaska, the Kenai Peninsula Fellowship, Inc. At a recent meeting the decision was made to publish a mimeographed paper setting forth this menace that has invaded the churches, especially the pulpit. We know there must be an enormous amount of material available on this subject and we want to document every item.

I would be very grateful if you could send me any information material that is available as well as the names of any other sources where this information could be obtained. Thank you kindly

Very truly yours,

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May 23, 1960

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[Redacted]

Anchor Point, Alaska

Dear [Redacted]

I have your letter of May 12, 1960, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have the related data in our files. I am enclosing, however, some material concerning the menace of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
God and Country or Communism?

Statement by Director re 17th National Convention, CP, USA

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with [Redacted] letter requests specific information regarding communist infiltration into churches and refers to information published in Air Force manuals. In view of recent national controversy over Air Force manuals, this type of reply is being utilized.

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[Redacted]  
Hazleton, Pennsylvania  
May 27, 1960  
*Communist Infiltration into Religion*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

In the wake of the recent controversy over the Army manual which dealt with infiltration of communism into the churches, I would like to obtain information on where I might obtain a similar publication which lists names and gives details.

Recently I sustained somewhat of a shock when I learned that our three day youth conference (E.C.Y.P. Camp Wapalene, New Jersey) which was to cover the topic of communism in the churches, was commanded to cancel the topic. Delegates to a preconference meeting were told that those were orders from "international headquarters" of the synod. They were told that this is what they were to do and no further explanation was forthcoming, and no further explanation was necessary. Another topic was to be chosen.

For years our church remained an independent church(Lutheran). Then, two years ago we got a young minister whose express aim and purpose in life seemed to be to get us into the Zion Slovak Synod ( or Slovak Zion Synod), which he accomplished very successfully by working on the influential members of the congregation, That mission finished, he took off to take over another congregation in New Jersey, and we again are minus a minister, but our church and properties have been signed over to this synod. I believe that only taking the matter to court might help get us out. We also pay dues 1100 dollars yearly to this organization. To top this the stunning realization that we might be under the control of a communist-sympathising element is just too much. Therefore I am writing you for information on definite names and religious affiliates which are known to be communist influenced.

Our church is a small one of less than 200 members of Slovak descent. In fact we even have a Slovak service beside the English one for Slovak-speaking older members, many of whom were born in Czechoslovakia. Many of us have relatives in communist Slovakia. But, we are loyal Americans, and there isn't a red sympathizer in our group. If the Slovak Zion Synod is infiltrated, we should definitely know. I would appreciate any information you can give me, or any sources where I can get information.  
Thank you.

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Respectfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

CORRESPONDENCE

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1-Philadelphia (local)  
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June 7, 1960

[Redacted]

Hazleton, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 27, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice.

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I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire. While I would like to be of assistance to you, I am unable to furnish a source that would be able to furnish the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ATTENTION: SAC, PHILADELPHIA

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or Slovak Zion Synod.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent desires a source from which she can obtain a publication which lists names and gives details concerning communist infiltration into our churches. She also requests information on "definite names and religious affiliates which are known to be communist influenced." Correspondent would like information from the Bureau on the identity of a source from which such information could be obtained as to whether or not the Slovak Zion Synod is communist infiltrated. In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

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A. H. Belmont

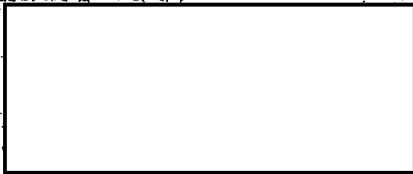
May 18, 1960

F. J. Baumgardner

**COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

Reference is made to memorandum Belmont to Parsons, 4/20/60, captioned as above setting forth the results of our file reviews concerning the 160 names furnished us by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and described by the HCUA as the names of individuals in a leadership capacity of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes.

On 5/6/60 Mr. E. C. Kemper of Mr. DeLoach's office furnished a Thermofax copy (which we replaced with a Photostat for our files) of a memorandum and a revised list of the 160 names, which Kemper received from a Mr. McNamara of the HCUA. In the HCUA memorandum, it is stated that 33 of the 160 names were deleted since their records showed only one communist front affiliation for each and an additional 29 names were deleted when their records did not show any communist front activity since 1950; thereby, making a total of 62 names deleted. A check has been made of the remaining 98 names against the original list. It is noted that there are nine new names listed while nine of the names on the original list are not included in the new list. The nine new names are:



Willard L. Sperry

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No additional identifying data was supplied by HCUA concerning the nine names and based on the limited identifiable data available, derogatory data of a subversive nature was located only for [redacted] and this data showed that [redacted] name appeared on a list of delegates or members of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW) who were in attendance at a meeting held in April, 1942, at Nashville, Tennessee (100-10355-82). SCHW, which is no longer in existence, has been cited as a communist front by the HCUA.

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
  - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
  - 1 - Mr. Belmont
  - 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
  - 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf
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Memorandum to A. H. Belmont  
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
100-50869

It appears from this latest action and new listing by HCUA that it is backing off a little from its original stand concerning NCCC. In its original statement concerning the over 100 names of individuals in a leadership capacity of the NCCC with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes, the HCUA did not qualify or restrict the affiliations of the 160 individuals to more than one affiliation or the activity subsequent to 1950. Also HCUA offered no explanation as to the reason it had added nine new names and had omitted nine of the original names. Regardless, after reviewing our files on the nine new names nothing new was added to the information we already had concerning communist efforts to penetrate the NCCC.

ACTION:

You will be advised of any further pertinent developments in this matter. We will place an appropriate memorandum in the case file of each of the 62 individuals whose names were deleted; in the case file of each of the nine individuals whose names were omitted; and in the case file of each of the nine individuals whose names were added by the HCUA in this new listing.

~~MONTGOMERY COUNTY "FOR AMERICA"~~

[Redacted]  
Royersford, Pennsylvania.

May 30, 1960

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Ingra	b6
Miss Gandy	b7C

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Communist Infiltration  
into Religion*

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution passed by Montgomery County (Pa.) "FOR AMERICA" at their May meeting, urging investigation of the subject of communist attempts to infiltrate religion.

Respectfully yours,

MONTGOMERY COUNTY "FOR AMERICA"

By

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted]  
Washington Square Gardens  
Norristown, Pennsylvania

Copies sent to The President, the vice President,  
2 Senators from Pa., Congressman from Montg. Co., Pa.  
Chairman of House Un-American Activities Committee

*EXP. PROC.  
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ENCLOSURE

REC-13 100-403529-121

10 JUN 21 1960

CORRESPONDENCE

*Wm J. ... 6/1/60*

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, FOR AMERICA  
307 South 4th Avenue  
Reyersford, Pennsylvania

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the House Un-American Activities Committee is one of the leading governmental agencies seeking to unveil the international Communist conspiracy, and

WHEREAS, this Committee and J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have alleged the infiltration of Communism into our religious institutions, and

WHEREAS, official records indicate many communist-front affiliations of an influential minority of church leaders, and

WHEREAS, rather than supply factual denials, certain church leaders have sought to apply pressure on those who have made these charges, and

WHEREAS, the recent controversy over the Air Force manual has brought about conflicting statements about these charges.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Montgomery County, For America, in meeting assembled this fifteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty, that we hereby call for a full and complete investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee of this entire subject with a view to exposing all attempts by Communism to infiltrate religion, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President, the Vice President, the two Senators from Pennsylvania, the Congressman from Montgomery County, and the Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

ENCLOSURE

100-443551-121

June 17, 1960

EX 109

REC-13

100 - 403529

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[Redacted]

Washington Square Gardens  
Norristown, Pennsylvania

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter, with enclosure, was received on June 13, 1960, and I deeply appreciate the interest prompting you to make available to me a copy of the Resolution passed by your group.

In view of your concern over the menace of atheistic communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- God and Country or Communism
- The Communists are After Our Minds
- LEB Intro. 3-1-60
- Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality

*John*

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information regarding correspondent. It is not believed appropriate for the Director to comment specifically on the Resolution she enclosed because of the controversial aspects of the problem of the communist infiltration into our religious institutions.

- Tolson
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Belmont
- Callahan
- DeLoach
- Malone
- McGuire
- Rosen
- Tamm
- Trotter
- W.C. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
- Ingram
- Gandy

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Port Chester, N.Y.  
July 10 - 60

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Dept. of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover, - I am writing to inquire about a religious cult "Calvary Full Gospel Assembly of God". to find out if the organization is Communistic.

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My reason for doing so, is they bought a house opposite us last January, and my daughter became neighborly with them, consequently, they have brain washed her to the extent that she has given up her own religion (Catholic) in which she had a good background having gone to convent schools until college age.

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She was in her senior year of college when she had a breakdown. Since that time (6 yrs ago) she spent about

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CORRESPONDENCE

2 1/2 yrs. in hospitals. She has been<sup>2</sup> home for 3 yrs. doing exceedingly well on vitamin injections (no bromides or tranquilizers). Now they have taken her against our wishes to Long Lake Bible Camp in Naples, Maine, and they defy me. They say there is nothing I can do because she is of age (27 yrs).

It is true she went of her own accord after they had convinced her that she is cured and they frightened her into believing she would lose her healing if she returned to her own church or if she takes vitamins also they say her parents are unbelievers and she would lose her healing being with us. I am afraid she will become upset again since she is not having her vit. injections. I know there is no sense in bringing her home forcibly unless she has changed her mind about them. To say the least

they are crack pots. Oral Roberts belongs to this cult.

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[redacted] is an extremely bright girl, and her diagnosis was "She has not lost her intelligence only her ability to use it." I don't think I can talk her into returning to her family or religion as yet, but if I could prove to her that they are communistic, I know she would leave immediately. My only reason for thinking it is the fact they are a new cult and so many of the new ones are and the fact that they don't hesitate to break up a family as in my case. Since we have all the responsibility for her, do they have a right to take her away?

Thank you Mr. Hoover for letting me take up so much of your time. I can only say God Bless

You. I don't know what the  
Country would do without you.

I only hope & pray that  
you live a long and continually  
useful life.

Sincerely

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P.S. Please do not let this get into  
the papers

TRUE COPY

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Sincerely

s, [redacted]

P. S. Please do not let this get into the papers.

July 21, 1960

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[Redacted]

Port Chester, New York

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated July 10, 1960, has been received, and your kind remarks are certainly appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, I must advise that this Bureau has not conducted any investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired. Therefore, I am unable to be of assistance to you. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (3)

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
FBI LEB Introduction March 1960 & 17th National Convention CP, USA  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent of Calvary Full Gospel Assembly of God.

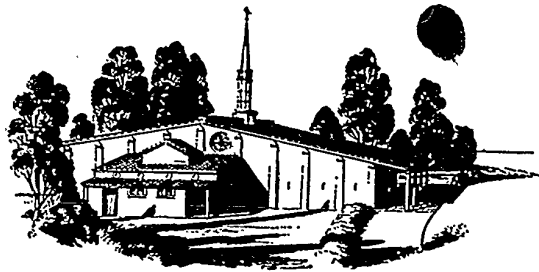
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# St. Francis Episcopal Church

PUERTO DEL NORTE AT VIA ROSA  
PALOS VERDES ESTATES, CALIFORNIA

[Redacted]

RECTOR

*Communist Infiltrations into Religion*

July 17, 1960

The Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of the 14th.

I can fully appreciate the policy of the FBI, and am in sympathy with the objectives of that policy. It would appear unfortunate, however, that the information which your department makes available ultimately reaches the hands of those less trained in drawing proper conclusions or of those using it for their own ends. The average lay person is puzzled by the bulk of 'evidence' accumulated without subsequent prosecution. This situation breeds in the minds of many well-meaning people suspicion, fear, and doubt.

I am enclosing a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the LOS ANGELES TIMES a week ago. Similar advertisements have been placed from time to time. It seems to be a costly venture for an individual, and many people in my congregation believe religion is being 'used' by subversive forces! (See how this suspicion spreads!) I suggested that members concerned write to the individual named, but they were afraid they might then 'get on a Communist organization list'.

Our country is in the midst of trying times. The solution of these problems is not an easy one. Yet, it is possible that unless we find some way of direct action against the truly guilty while protecting the innocent, we are going to contribute to the growing hysteria.

Thank you for your time.

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Faithfully yours,

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*ack 7-27-60  
T.H.F. (yc)*

**ENCLOSURE**  
*March 1960*

**ENCL. ATTACHED**



1 - Mr. Farrow

EX 109

July 27, 1960

REC-31

100-403529-123

[Redacted]

St. Francis Episcopal Church  
Puerto Del Norte at Via Rosa  
Palos Verdes Estates, California

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated July 17, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received and the interest and courtesy in affording me the benefit of your observations are indeed appreciated.

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As you may know, as an investigative agency, the primary objective of this Bureau is to investigate violations of Federal statutes within our jurisdiction and present our findings to the Attorney General and/or the United States Attorneys throughout the country who determine whether the facts developed constitute violations of such statutes and warrant prosecution.

You may be assured that all information received by this Bureau is carefully evaluated and appropriate action instituted in accordance with these responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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1 - SAC, Los Angeles (Enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOS ANGELES:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Correspondent communicated with the Bureau by letter dated 6-14-60. This letter was acknowledged by Bulet 6-22-60, a copy of which was furnished the Los Angeles Office.

Correspondent enclosed a full-page advertisement from the "Los Angeles Times" newspaper for July 12, 1960, which was entitled, "Love, The Greatest Gift," and contained quotations from the Bible. This advertisement was sponsored by Leon Ackerman of Washington, D. C. Bufiles contain no identifiable derogatory information concerning

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent communicated with the Bureau in June, 1960, at which time he requested information concerning the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC). At this time he asked if the Director had made a statement to the effect that the NCCC was a communist-dominated group. By Bulet dated June 22, 1960, correspondent was advised that the Director had made no such statements concerning the NCCC and the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities were explained to him.

Correspondent has acknowledged the Bureau's letter of June 22, 1960, and states that he fully appreciates the policy of the FBI, and is in sympathy with the objectives of that policy. Correspondent states, however, that it would appear unfortunate that the information the Bureau makes available "ultimately reaches the hands of those less trained in drawing proper conclusions or of those using it for their own ends. The average lay person is puzzled by the bulk of 'evidence' accumulated without subsequent prosecution."

In view of information previously furnished to correspondent, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

*despitefully use you, and persecute you."*

CHRIST JESUS, MATT. 5: 43, 44

*"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar;  
for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can  
he love God whom he hath not seen?"*

I. JOHN 4: 20

*Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will*

## LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF

CHRIST JESUS, MATT. 22: 39

### *A Layman's Prayer*

*Father, may we be ever  
mindful that it is in  
loving our fellow man  
that we truly love Thee.*

LEON ACKERMAN  
1001 Connecticut Avenue  
Washington 6, D.C.

# LOVE

## ... THE GREATEST GIFT

HE WHO UNDERSTANDS LOVE  
UNDERSTANDS GOD  
FOR GOD IS LOVE

*"Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.*

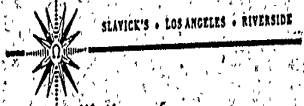
*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."*

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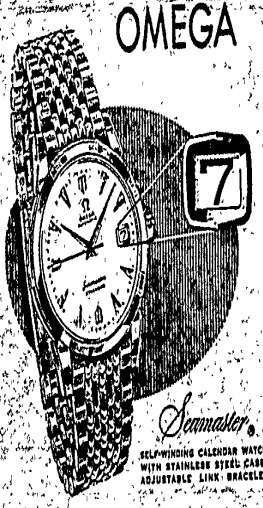
prediction that communism would win history's verdict. He has boasted that, although we may be free men, our...  
 But our prestige has suffered in yet another way. We live in an age of science, when men equate national excellence with technological achievement. In such a competition, how could this country—the most highly industrialized and technically advanced in history — possibly

Ultimately depend upon American principle, American prestige and American power. What has been happening...  
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# EYNOTE ADDRESS

Continued from Sixth Page  
 committed nations are the  
 "poorman's lands" on which  
 the destiny of the human race  
 will be decided. For if the  
 continents of Africa and Asia  
 are drawn behind the Iron  
 and Bamboo Curtains, the  
 economy of Western Europe  
 is at once undermined. And  
 if we yield Europe, Asia and  
 Africa to the Communists,  
 the balance of power will  
 fatally shift against us, thus  
 assuring eventual Communist  
 domination of all the world.

## Two Ways of Life

Two ways of life—freedom  
 and communism—are locked  
 in mortal competition. Until  
 the debris has been cleared  
 away from the wrecked summit  
 conference in Paris, until  
 the tumult that turned the  
 President back from Tokyo  
 is better understood, we can  
 not know, for sure, what  
 form this competition may  
 take. But this we do know:  
 we shall either win or lose  
 it. There is no way out of it.  
 History's verdict will be rendered.  
 The days of our years  
 will determine whether freedom  
 shall endure.

Accordingly, we must inquire:  
 "How have the Communists  
 been doing in this dire contest?"

A few months ago, my wife  
 and I stood in a long line  
 which moved slowly across  
 Red Square in Moscow, into  
 the marble mausoleum beneath  
 the Kremlin wall. We went  
 there to see the mortal  
 remains of Lenin and Stalin,  
 laid out upon beds of bronze.  
 The mausoleum is the pagan  
 cathedral of world communism,  
 and each day the "comrades"  
 come there, three and  
 four abreast, in a never-ending  
 procession.

## Vast Red Empire

It is the same procession  
 that emerged from the ruin  
 of Russia at the end of the  
 second world war to thrust  
 up a red empire—the only  
 new empire of the 20th century.  
 It now engulfs all of  
 Eastern Europe and vast China,  
 and encloses a third of  
 the world's people within its  
 spreading reach. Its method  
 of expansion has always  
 been conquest, either from  
 within or from without; in  
 no Communist land have the  
 people ever freely voted the  
 system in, and in no such  
 land have they ever been given  
 a chance to vote it out.

Now the tyranny invades  
 the Middle East, and plants  
 its seeds in restless Africa.  
 I have listened to Nikita  
 Khrushchev, behind the  
 closed doors of the Senate  
 Foreign Relations Committee.  
 I have heard his certain  
 prediction: that communism  
 would win history's verdict.  
 He has boasted that, although  
 we may be free men, our  
 grandchildren will be Communists.  
 But, our reality has said:

stumble and fall behind!  
 Well, during these Republican  
 years, we've done it!

Somehow we lost, and have  
 yet to recapture, the initiative  
 in space. The Russians  
 were the first to launch a satellite,  
 the first to strike and  
 then to photograph the far  
 side of the moon, the first to  
 orbit the sun. So effectively  
 have they capitalized on  
 these feats, that our own public  
 opinion experts tell us  
 that the average citizen of  
 the world believes today that  
 the Soviet Union has become  
 the leading scientific nation.  
 Don't ever discount the effect  
 of this upon people in  
 primitive lands, where the  
 promise of modern science  
 alone seems to hold out hope  
 for a better life in the years  
 ahead.

So we are left with the final  
 question: What has happened  
 to American power?

As long as the Russian and  
 Chinese governments live by  
 the sword, our military  
 strength must be second to  
 none. We understand that  
 arms alone can never perpetuate  
 the peace, but can only  
 buy us time, with which to  
 supplant the rule of force  
 among nations with the rule  
 of law.

## Negotiation Need

Yet it must be clear by  
 now that if this objective is  
 ever to be won, if nuclear  
 weapons tests are ever to be  
 suspended, if "open skies" for  
 the prevention of surprise  
 attack is ever to be established,  
 if enforceable arms  
 control is ever to commence,  
 these complicated problems  
 will be worked out—not at  
 ceremonial summit conferences  
 — but through long,  
 painstaking and skillful  
 negotiation. At the conference  
 table, our chances for success  
 will depend upon our  
 ability to negotiate, not from  
 weakness, but from strength.

## Fateful Decisions

Is this an idle boast? The  
 Communists have seized a  
 "third of the world" in 15  
 years! History does not record  
 another conquest so large  
 in so short a time. I submit  
 to you that the fateful  
 decisions taken in Washington  
 today and tomorrow will  
 determine whether or not  
 our grandchildren shall be  
 free.

These are the grave stakes  
 deeply involved in the coming  
 national election, and  
 the mission of the Democratic  
 Party is to reawaken America  
 to the mighty task before  
 her. The hinge of the future  
 swings on the United States.  
 The maintenance of peace,  
 the preservation of freedom,  
 the fate of the world, all ultimately  
 depend upon American  
 principle, American prestige  
 and American power.

What has been happening  
 to American principle? Under  
 Truman we had a Marshall  
 Plan to restore economic

strength to the free  
 governments of western Europe,  
 but of late we have  
 courted tyrants, as though  
 they were the friends of freedom.

## Dictators Coddled

We have pinned medals  
 upon the chests of hated  
 dictators like Peron of Argentina  
 and Perez Jimenez of Venezuela,  
 and when they were  
 driven into exile, we were  
 aghast at the stonings  
 of our own Vice President on  
 the streets of Caracas.

We have carelessly furnished  
 weapons to other petty  
 tyrants, like Batista in  
 Cuba, who turned them upon  
 his own people, and now we  
 are dismayed at the vehemence  
 of the "Hate America"  
 rallies in Havana.

We have helped to arm  
 a Fascist Franco in Spain,  
 and a Communist Tito in  
 Yugoslavia, until the world  
 has been left to wonder if we  
 still stand for freedom. And  
 as traditional American principles  
 have been obscured, a  
 tide of suspicion and hostility  
 rises against us.

We must also ask: What  
 has happened to American  
 prestige?

Long have we been known  
 as a generous people. Since  
 the end of the second World  
 War, we have given freely  
 of our treasure to help raise  
 standards in far-flung parts  
 of the world. To the needy,  
 our hand has been extended  
 in friendship. Yet, an  
 over-emphasis on military  
 aid has caused the hand, in  
 many places, to be mistaken  
 for a fist. Worse still, by  
 allowing our surplus foods to  
 pile up in massive quantities,  
 by falling for too long to  
 implement an imaginative  
 "food-for-peace" program,  
 this administration has  
 wrongfully permitted the  
 ugly image to spread of a fat  
 America hoarding food in a  
 hungry world.

What has happened to our  
 strength? Our Army has

shrunk from 20 to 14 divisions.  
 Our Navy has lost scores  
 of fighting ships. We concede  
 to the Russians superior  
 numbers of intercontinental  
 ballistic missiles, which we  
 ourselves describe as the  
 "ultimate weapon." Still,  
 we are told by this administration  
 that we need not match the  
 Soviet Union in missile strength,  
 for this would impose too  
 heavy a strain upon us. Is it  
 possible that the richest nation  
 in history can no longer afford  
 to be the strongest?

In these many ways, we  
 have watched our country  
 shrink in stature, only to be  
 told that Mr. Nixon, the single  
 aspirant in either party  
 who upholds the very policies  
 that have led us into disrepute,  
 is the man best qualified to  
 lead us out.

Well, the American people  
 won't be fooled. Remembering  
 the famous admonition of  
 Theodore Roosevelt, "Speak  
 softly and carry a big stick,"  
 they are not about to substitute  
 "Talk tough and carry a  
 toothpick!"

They know that Soviets  
 will never scuttle the Communist  
 thrust, that this can be  
 accomplished only by a  
 mighty striving to revive  
 American principle, to restore  
 American prestige, and to  
 rebuild American power.  
 We shall never forget the  
 words of a Polish lady, spoken  
 to me last year on the square  
 of the inner city of old  
 Warsaw. She spoke with  
 a wisdom and perspective  
 beyond in nearly a century  
 of life. "Senator," she said  
 to me, "America is truly the  
 hope of the world!"

It is the American Revolution  
 —not the Russian—that  
 has served as the inspiration  
 of all people who would be  
 free.

It is the American industrial  
 revolution—not the  
 "class struggle"—that  
 has created, here in the United  
 States, the world's most  
 classless society.

It is the American technological  
 revolution—not the  
 proletarian state—that  
 has produced, here in the

United States, a standard of  
 living that is the marvel of  
 the world.

Nominate a man who will  
 summon this priceless heritage  
 to work. Give us a leader  
 whose program will match  
 this atomic age, and the Democratic  
 Party—true to its tradition—  
 will once again lift our  
 country upon the high road  
 of destiny.

For only an awakened and  
 rededicated America can  
 raise a standard around  
 which the great fraternity of  
 the free can rally, to summon  
 from a newfound unity, the  
 resolution and the strength  
 to make history's verdict  
 ours.

This is the case for all  
 America that the Democratic  
 Party must carry to the people.  
 God help us plead it well.

Los Angeles Times TUES., JULY 12, 1960—Part I

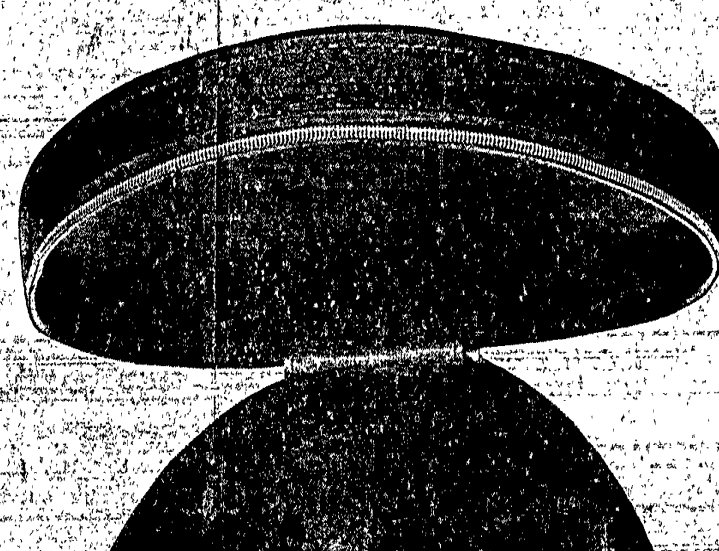
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Macon, Mo.,  
Aug. 19, 1960,

Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.,

Dear sirs:

I don't know how many letters of this nature you may have received, or if you even want to give information of this nature, but it seems to me that it is a matter that cries out for a clear answer, one way or the other.

I write regarding the recent accusation against certain church groups; namely against \*Disciples of Christ, Christian Church,\* Indianapolis, Indiana. I have thought their manipulations were motivated only by a desire to make money tax-free. If there is a more sinister purpose behind what they have done to my church, I think it should be known.

If it is true that Communism is using the separation of Church and state to work in churches unmolested, why can there not be a clear statement of fact instead of vague rumors? By the same standard, if it is not true, these church groups should be cleared.

Communism is a dire threat that should not be ignored for a moment. On the other hand, our churches are more badly needed than ever before, and should not bear the stigma of such a charge if it is not true. It is my hope that this is a war between organized and un-organized religion, and nothing more.

I hope you will forgive my being so presumptuous as to write you on such a matter. I feel that only from you can I learn

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Respectfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Macon, Missouri.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

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August 25, 1960

EX-107

[Redacted]

Macon, Missouri

Dear [Redacted]:

I have received your letter dated August 19, 1960, and your interest in communicating with me is appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the FBI as an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire. I can advise you, however, that the Disciples of Christ, Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, has not been investigated by the FBI.

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In view of your interest in the menace of communism to this country, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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REC ST. LOUIS (enclosure)

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ATTENTION: SAC, ST. LOUIS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent or the Disciples of Christ, Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist Party, USA," reprint from "Ave Maria," April 30, 1960.
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
6. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with analysis of the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states she is writing regarding a recent accusation against certain church groups and, particularly, against the Disciples of Christ Church. She had thought "their manipulations" were motivated by a desire to make money tax free, but if there is a more sinister purpose behind it she thinks it should be known. She states that if communism is using the church, it should be a clear statement of fact, but if it is not true, these church groups should be cleared. Although she makes no positive request, it appears that she desires the Bureau to furnish her information whether the Disciples of Christ Church is infiltrated by communists or is "cleared."

September 21, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington  
D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I would like to know if the Christian Science Church *USA* is considered subversive. I am interested in Christian Science but my husband says it is a known fact that the FBI regards it as connected with the communist party. He says he doesn't know where he got the information but that it was reliable.

Please advise if this is correct or not. Thank you very much.

Very sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Charlottesville, Va.

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September 28, 1960

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EX-104

[Redacted]

Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated September 21, 1960, has been received, and the thought prompting your writing is very much appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. The group you mentioned has not been the subject of any investigation by this Bureau, and we have not issued any statements along the lines you suggested.

I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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 17th National Convention & Intro to March 1960 LEB  
 Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion Comm Target--Youth  
 God, and Country or Communism? Comm Illusion & Democratic Reality  
 NOTE: On the basis of information furnished, neither correspondent  
 nor her husband is readily identifiable in Bufiles. There does not appear  
 to be any point served in having [Redacted] contacted concerning this  
 alleged statement since correspondent does not know where he got the  
 information in question.  
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*Handwritten signatures and initials:*  
J. Edgar Hoover  
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Southbridge, Mass.  
September 30, 1960

United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

REC-50

Attention of J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am advising you that [redacted] St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church, Southbridge, Massachusetts, which church is called in Albanian vernacular "Kishi Shen Koli" [redacted] I am the target of the communist Albanian government since this seems to be one method employed by communist regimes throughout the world, i. e. influencing the clergy. Therefore I wish to emphasize the point which your office and or the state department may be well-acquainted with: that there are religious-political factors surrounding the American-Albanian Community in the U. S. with subversive implications having been made against various American-Albanian leaders as to their actual affiliations with the communist tyranny of Albania. I wish to point out that as Pastor of the Albanian Orthodox Church of Southbridge, Mass., I am doing my utmost to uphold and guide my congregation ecclesiastically in the proper paths of tradition of our church only and with no interference from any other source whether political or otherwise.

My problem is as follows: The Postmaster from New York 1, New York has been notifying my church on P.O.D. form 2154-X that the postal service has received foreign mail addressed to my church consisting of certain publications which contain political propaganda (as defined by the Foreign Agents Registration Act 22 U.S. Code 611-621) consisting of subversive literature in the form of Albanian newspapers ("Bashkimi" --The United; and "Zeri Popullit" --Voice of Albania) which are printed in Tirane, the capital city of Albania.

ALBANIA

May I emphasize that I personally have never subscribed to the above-mentioned Communist publications, nor have I ever ordered or solicited the same and that this literature or any which might be sent of any nature from this source is being sent and has been sent contrary to my wishes, as I do not believe in or subscribe to Communist mythology or their false views of world history and I am definitely not in sympathy with their aim of world domination.

In conclusion, I want to ask if you would see to it that all said mail is summarily destroyed so that no further problem will arise from any more of said mail being sent to my church or to myself.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature box]

Southbridge, Massachusetts

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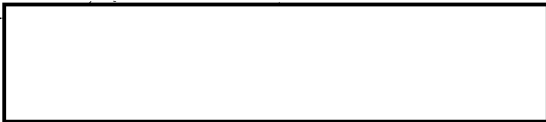
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October 25, 1960

EX-139



Cumberland, Rhode Island

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter postmarked October 19, 1960, has been received.

In response to your request, I must inform you that this matter is not within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, and therefore I am unable to be of assistance to you; however, I have referred your letter to the Chief Postal Inspector, Post Office Department, Pennsylvania Avenue between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

I want you to know that your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten signatures: Edw..., J..., DOWANOE, C.H.]*

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record concerning correspondent or his church, the St. Nicholas Albanian Orthodox Church. Correspondent said that he had been advised by postal authorities that certain foreign mail addressed to his church constituted political propaganda, as defined by the Foreign Agents Registration Act. He asserted his dislike of communism and requested the Bureau to see to it that this mail is destroyed so that it would no longer be received by his church. Referral by [unclear] letter.

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1 - Mr. [redacted] [redacted]

October 28, 1960

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Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated October 18, 1960, with its enclosures, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet published by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, Washington, D. C. This pamphlet is entitled "Peace and World Order" and sets forth the position of the Methodist Church on international peace, universal disarmament and various other problems which face the world today. Correspondent requests that either the Director or someone in his office read the pamphlet and give an opinion on this document. She states "Will you please tell me if you think the enclosed pamphlet indicates that my Church has been used unwittingly to promote communist ideas?" She states that she needs an "official opinion."

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In view of the controversial nature of this topic, it is believed that the above reply will best serve the interests of the Bureau.

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. She enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being used for this reply.



18 October 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

*Communist Infiltration into Religion*

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a pamphlet which I received from my Church. I realize that you are a very busy person but I ask that either you, or someone in your office, read it and give me your opinion.

I have talked with our pastor. I have read thousands of words concerning the National Council of Churches of Christ. And I am faced with a serious dilemma.

I would do nothing knowingly or willingly to harm my Church or any Church dedicated to the cause of Christ. On the other hand, I have serious misgivings about the enclosed pamphlet.

I do not fear possible extinction of mankind as much as I fear the enslavement of the minds and souls of men. As a Christian, I am dedicated to the cause of peace, but only the peace which comes from and through the freedom to worship. As a Christian, I am dedicated to the cause of disarmament, but I cannot see how we can talk disarmament with people who can call a lie the truth if it furthers their objective of world conquest. As a Christian, I am against militarism, but I am for a strong America as a safeguard against war.

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Will you please tell me if you think the enclosed pamphlet indicates that my Church has been used unwittingly to promote communistic ideas? If so, I will do all that I can to call it to the attention of sincere dedicated leaders. I am not a crackpot. I believe in a strong Church in a strong America.

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I need an official opinion. Thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature box]

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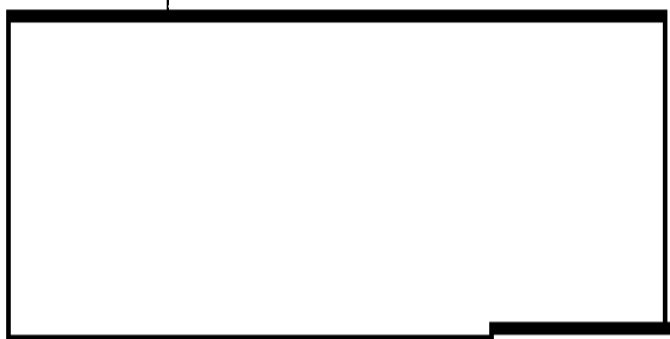
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Please mail my letter at this address,



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## INTERNATIONAL PEACE

The role of the Church in today's world situation is clear. Its task is to help mankind attain freedom, human rights, justice, adequate living standards, self-government and the cooperation of all nations for the maintenance of peace.

With the development of increasingly horrible weapons of mass destruction, mankind stands at the threshold of possible extinction. In the face of this situation, Christians everywhere are confronted with a definite challenge.

Motivated and mobilized by the spirit of Christ and challenged by world conditions, Christians are in a strategic position to make the gospel articulate in world affairs to the end that peace may become real and dynamic.

We commend the National Council of Churches for its sponsorship of five conferences on world order in the last 20 years. These have added significantly to our understanding of world affairs and have provoked us to profound study and concerned Christian action. We urge the National Council of Churches to continue its fruitful work in the areas of peace education and action, and we urge all Methodists to participate actively in these efforts.

We call upon individual Methodists to hold fast to the gospel of the Christ of peace. One of the foundations of a warless world finds its origin within the thinking of the individual Christian. Hatred and prejudice must be overcome by love as the cementing bond of brotherhood. When the teachings of Jesus are fully accepted and implemented by virile, vigorous action, war as a means of settling international disputes will die. As war disappears, thereby setting the world free from the tyranny of destruction, man will be able to build anew within a more Christian structure, an environment of lasting freedom and peace.

*Moral and spiritual aspects of peace:*  
The primary conditions of peace lie in the attitudes of men. Since it holds in its keeping the moral and spiritual forces for a peaceful world, the Church has a unique and God-given responsibility.

Certainly the Church can be an agency of great power for the establishment of a world community, as has been demonstrated by the missionary and ecumenical movements. That the bonds of brotherhood among Christians have held so firm during years of war and international tension is

occasion for humble thanksgiving to God. From the beginnings already made, a wider world community must be fashioned through cooperation with persons of all religious faiths. To this ideal we dedicate ourselves unflinchingly.

### *2) Man's struggle toward self-government:*

Since World War II there has been a surge toward self-government and self-determination on the part of subject peoples. Old imperialisms are breaking up. Colonial and dependent territories are seeking freedom and political independence. These affected peoples are struggling for the knowledge, the tools and the skills necessary to provide themselves with a standard of living designed to alleviate hunger, disease, exposure and ignorance. They are seeking, and many have already gained, a new status in the family of nations.

We reaffirm the Christian's unceasing interest in freedom and self-government for all people. We urge all governments to aid non-self-governing peoples through such educational, medical and technical aid as may assist them to gain independence and to set up stable democratic governments and Christian social practices.

### *3) Opposition to materialistic ideologies:*

The Christian religion stands in direct opposition to materialistic ideologies prevalent in many places in the world. These ideologies, with their disregard for human rights, their scorn for the dignity of the individual and their failure to acknowledge the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, are abhorrent to basic Christian principles.

We believe the best defense against these materialistic ideologies is found in the preservation and growth of democratic institutions and in the daily practice of the Christian way of life. We believe that such growth and practice provide powerful stimulus to the rapid elimination of:

- a. Racial and class distinction;
- b. Economic conditions which cause hunger, disease and ignorance for large segments of the human race; and
- c. The political suppression of human rights.

We believe that Christian concern for the physical and spiritual welfare of all people will promote unselfish sharing of essential goods and the values of life which God has so lavishly provided. Such sharing will give great impetus to the elimination of the basic causes of war.

### *4) Implementing world peace:*

Peace is the gift of God but it is appropriated by man only through the practice of love and cooperation. The peace of God cannot be contained within any one nation, economic system, or religion. To be a stable and lasting reality it must become universal.

While the ultimate aim of the Christian mission is the conversion of the world, the urgent need to establish the conditions of peace calls for the immediate and unremitting efforts of Christians and non-Christians alike.

No one nation or group of nations, pitted against other nations, can initiate or maintain world peace. It can only be the result of understanding, forbearance, and cooperation on the part of all nations.

We give thanks to God for the United Nations and its agencies, and their continued efforts to create peace in the world. Particularly do we commend the United Nations for its direct approach, exploration and action on crucial problems that arise periodically throughout the world and pose a direct threat to the peace of the world. We are extremely grateful, too, for the enlightened political leaders and representatives of various individual nations who so courageously share their part of the responsibility for world peace.

We believe there is continuing and urgent need to use more fully the various agencies of international understanding and cooperation which are presently available in the United Nations. We believe the United Nations and its agencies should be supported, strengthened and improved. Moreover, if these facilities are to become most effective the United Nations with membership open to all nations, must be given sufficient authority to enact, interpret and enforce world law against aggression and war.

We call upon the government of the United States to expand its leadership in an effort to bring about such charter revisions as are necessary to facilitate the work of the United Nations in maintaining international order and in preventing the outbreak of war.

We support the greater use of the International Court of Justice and urge the United States to lead the way in removing restrictions which impair the Court's effectiveness.

## UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT

From the Episcopal Address of the General Conference of 1960 we read:

"Because of the technology which is our pride, this General Conference convenes under the most ominous circumstances in the long history of the Church. For the human race has within its hands for the first time the power of its own annihilation. In a sense, the tool has become the enemy of its maker. The nuclear power that might be our wealth has become a weapon. The same technology which has shortened the distances has produced the intercontinental missile. Man has dominated the forces of nature, conquered the seas and the air, organized his commerce and combatted disease. Yet, the lord of the earth cannot enjoy his conquest, but for fear of his life must hide underground, haunted by anxieties and the companion of uncertainties. The evils implicit in applied science are compounded by the residue of problems growing out of World War II and an armament race, which, unless terminated early, can have but one result.

"We commend the international situation to the thoughtful, prayerful concern of the Church and urge that the General Conference take the leadership in mobilizing Christian opinion within or connection in behalf of mutual disarmament, the prohibition of nuclear testing, and the peaceful use of atomic energy."

To meet this high challenge our objective must be nothing less than the abolition of the use of war by nations. Mere arms reductions or limitations are inadequate. Only complete disarmament, involving both nuclear and conventional weapons, down to the levels required for internal policing will deprive nations of the tools of war.

Such complete disarmament must be universal to be acceptable to all nations. It must be enforced by a competent international agency, preferably a strengthened United Nations. Complete, universal disarmament needs to be based upon confidence in the enforcement system.

Moreover such disarmament requires international means for the peaceful settlement of disputes and controversies between nations. Extension of law and use of courts on the world level may well be a condition precedent to complete, universal enforceable disarmament.

Disarmament is no simple goal for its accomplishment requires agreement of all major powers,

not only on the principles of disarmament, but also upon the delegation to the United Nations of the necessary authority and power to control, inspect and enforce disarmament. In the face of national prejudices, suspicions and fears this is a stupendous task. Its difficulty is exceeded only by necessity and urgency. Negotiations must be pressed with all major powers to find an acceptable path to disarmament.

We commend the President, the Congress and the State Department of the United States on their attention to disarmament, but we call for an expansion of effort and staff to develop a comprehensive, safeguarded disarmament plan upon which to focus negotiations.

We call upon the United States and all other governments to declare complete, universal and enforceable disarmament to be their goal and to move in this direction.

We further call upon the United States and all other governments to exert forceful, imaginative, patient and dedicated leadership toward the achievement of such disarmament.

We deplore the tendency of governments and individuals to discredit any proposal for disarmament not made by themselves. Such cynicism is not conducive to successful negotiations.

We encourage a number of immediate steps in addition to our continuing efforts to achieve complete, universal enforceable disarmament.

*a. Nuclear Tests:* We urge permanent cessation of all nuclear tests by all nuclear powers, present and future, in order that present and future generations may be protected from the dangers of nuclear radiation.

*b. Outer Space:* We call for an international agreement establishing a United Nations agency for cooperative exploration of outer space and a control system to assure the use of outer space for peaceful purposes only.

*c. Peaceful Uses:* We support the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency to expand peaceful uses of nuclear energy and seek the establishment of an effective inspection system which may furnish the pattern for supervising worldwide cessation of the production of nuclear weapons.

*d. Safeguards:* We support all reasonable steps which reduce the chances of war by miscalculation, accident or inadvertent action such as: mutual aerial and ground inspection against surprise

attack and the establishment and use of a United Nations permanent force.

*e. Economic Benefits:* We call upon the United States to offer to devote a substantial percentage of the savings which will result from complete disarmament to the development of underdeveloped countries, using the United Nations as far as feasible. We urge study and planning of measures needed to cope with the domestic economic adjustments, largely localized, to industry and labor, resulting from elimination of huge expenditures for armaments.

## THE INDIVIDUAL AND MILITARY TRAINING

*a. For two decades, the United States of America has had on its statute books legislation providing for military conscription. Many persons have come to regard this as an established and permanent policy. The same is true in varying degrees of a large number of other countries as well.*

We are deeply troubled by the general indifference to the infringement of individual rights and freedom involved in compulsory military service. We urge that voluntary methods of recruiting military manpower be developed that accord the individual the freedom of choice which should characterize peacetime civilian life.

We reaffirm traditional Methodist opposition to any system of peacetime universal military training. We appeal to the United States to give bold leadership looking toward the universal abolition of peacetime conscription by or through the United Nations.

*b. Christians cannot complacently accept rights or privileges accorded to them because of their religious views but denied to others equally sincere who do not meet a religious test. So long as draft legislation remains in effect, we believe that all sincere conscientious objectors should be granted recognition and assigned to appropriate service regardless of whether or not they profess religious grounds as the basis of their stand.*

*c. Regarding the duty of the individual Christian, opinions sincerely differ. Faced by the dilemma of participation in war he must decide prayerfully before God what is to be his course of action in relation thereto. What the Christian citizen may not do is to obey men rather than God, or overlook the degree of compromise in our best acts, or gloss over the sinfulness of war. The Church must hold within its fellowship per-*

of a statute of limitations.

10) *Regulations governing the admission of foreign visitors for travel, study, conferences, business and similar purposes should be designed to facilitate a freer exchange of visitors.*

11) *The administration of immigration and naturalization laws and policies should be lodged in one government agency charged only with this responsibility.*

12) *More generous provision should be made for the admission of refugees displaced because of war or persecution.*

It is further recommended that the United States work through the United Nations for political settlements in areas such as the Middle East, where the basis for the refugee problem is related to the political problem.

### THE PROBLEM OF MIGRATION

1) *We affirm the duty of the church to provide pastoral care and services at points of entry into countries to which immigrants and refugees come and in places where refugees and migrating peoples are detained or assembled in camp situations. We also recognize the obligation of the church to assist these people to find permanent residence and to help in all possible ways with their adjustment to the new environment, including the achievement of the privileges of the life and fellowship of the local congregation and the access to pastoral ministry.*

2) *We give due heed to the effort and provision necessary to develop and utilize the social services and technical assistance of the community as well as other means and measures which will enable the church to fulfill its obligations in reference to population mobility.*

3) *Recognizing that the governments of most of the countries of the world have accepted the principle contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that "everyone has the right to a nationality," we believe that Christians everywhere should call upon their governments to take the necessary steps to implement this principle.*

4) *In these times of political upheaval when the migrations of peoples often have their roots in religious or political persecution, we reaffirm the principle of Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right to seek and enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution." We further urge Christians to work*

in their respective countries for the acceptance and implementation of this principle.

### BANNING GENOCIDE

The General Conference of The Methodist Church urges the ratification of the Convention on Genocide and petitions the President of the United States, the Senators, the Secretary of State and the members of the Senate Foreign Relations committee to exert their influence to the end that the United States shall ratify that convention at a very early date.

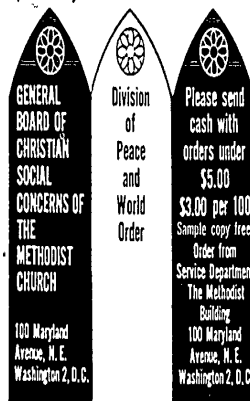
### COVENANT ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Methodist Church reaffirms its support of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, whose tenth anniversary was celebrated in many churches in December, 1958. We urge the Senate of the United States and the governing bodies of those countries which have not already done so, to ratify the Convention on Genocide and the Convention on the Political Rights of Women. In the General Assembly of the United Nations our representatives should give sympathetic consideration to a Covenant on Human Rights and the Senate should consider it on its merits.

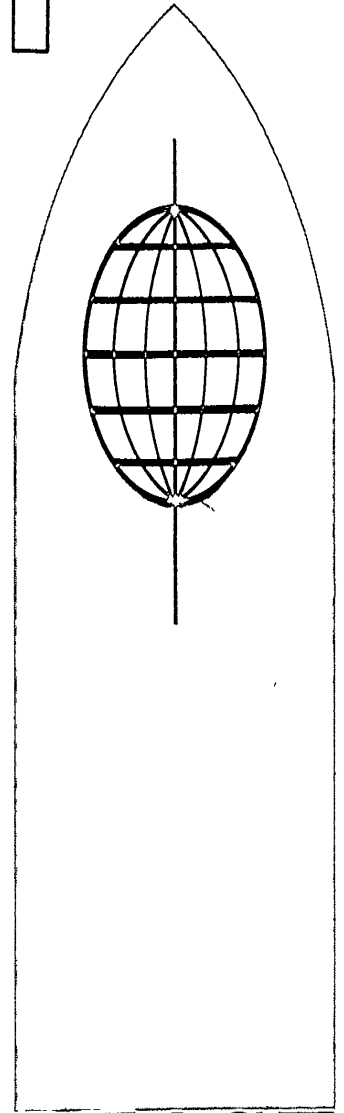
### RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT

We are concerned about the dangers to the human race of radioactive fallout from atomic explosions. We urge Congress to enact legislation placing primary responsibility for research and reporting concerning the effects of fallout with the public health service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

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sons who sincerely differ at this point of critical decision, call all to repentance, mediate to all God's mercy, minister to all in Christ's name.

We believe it is our obligation to render every assistance to the individual who conscientiously objects to service in the military forces. He should receive counsel concerning his rights in this respect, assistance in bringing his claim before the proper authorities; and support in securing recognition thereof.

Thousands of our sons and daughters have, with sincere Christian conscience, responded to the call for service in the military forces. We are obligated to provide pre-induction counseling and educational material prepared by the related agencies of the Church, such as the Board of Education, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, et cetera. This material should be directed toward the wise use of leisure time and the challenge to Christ-like living during their military service. We believe particular emphasis should be directed to the serviceman's bearing a good witness for Christ, the Church and the Nation while on duty outside his country.

In meeting these obligations, we reiterate our unswerving opposition to the principle of militarism and any dependence for security upon the sword alone.

We call upon local Methodist churches to enlist the interest of, and to offer hospitality to, the men and women of the armed services who are stationed in or near their communities. We further recommend that the home pastors of those young people who have entered military service, urge them to continue their active church affiliation and participation in the Methodist churches nearest the points they may be assigned and to maintain contact with their chaplains and chapel programs.

*d. In public institutions where all male students are required to take R.O.T.C. in order to graduate, provision should be made for the exemption of those conscientiously opposed to participation in war and military training. The regulations of educational institutions in this matter should reflect as much respect for conscience as the selective service law.*

We urge our church-related colleges and universities to play a role distinct from that of secular educational institutions. We urge them to study seriously the implications of military training in a church-related institution, one of whose objec-

tives is to train young people for World Christian Community.

## WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The desperate unmet needs of people in this world are of grave concern to Christians. The economic gap between the rich nations and the poor nations is widening as time elapses. The population explosion further jeopardizes the stability and progress of many lands.

We believe that economic assistance, which seeks to make the benefits of scientific advance and industrial progress available for the improvement of underdeveloped areas is an example of both Christian love and practical international brotherhood.

We sincerely acknowledge the liberal contribution by the United States and other countries of food and other material resources together with technical assistance to benefit the underdeveloped areas of the world.

A bold new step forward is called for at the point of aiding the nations in Asia, Africa and South America. We support the plan for a world economic development authority in the United Nations to which the developed nations of the world would contribute at least one per cent of their gross national income.

All programs of technical assistance and economic aid should be designed to benefit the peoples of underdeveloped countries and their economies rather than to serve political or military purposes. For maximum effectiveness, it is important that these programs be on a long-range basis.

Personnel employed in these projects should be of the highest character and should ever seek, through the implementation of the aid program, to develop better human relations as well as better economic conditions.

## RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS

The Methodist Church reaffirms its support of Reciprocal Trade Agreements and commends the Congress of the United States for having extended them in 1958 for four years.

We believe that the executive branch of the government should be given greater latitude in the negotiation of trade agreements and that the Reciprocal Trade Agreements act expiring in 1962 should be renewed for a period of not less than five years.

We urge the Senate to support further the principle of international cooperation through trade by ratifying the treaty which would make our nation a member of the Organization for Trade Co-operation (O.T.C.).

## IMMIGRATION

The General Conference urges Methodists to seek through proper channels of Congress the thorough revision of the McCarran-Walter act, with special attention to the following principles:

1) *The latest census instead of that of 1920 should be used as the basis for determining the number of visas to be allowed yearly.*

2) *The ratios of admissions to this country should also be re-examined and revised in nearer harmony with our current population trends, our current economy and without any bias related to race or national origin. The principal test for admission should be based on individual qualifications which are related to good citizenship. Additional criteria should be based on:*

- a. the reuniting of families.
- b. the right of asylum.
- c. special needs to relieve refugee and population pressures.
- d. general immigration.

3) *The new law should show no bias toward naturalized citizens, but place them in the same status as native-born citizens, except where citizenship was procured by fraud or illegality.*

4) *Resident aliens should be given the same protection and benefits accorded United States citizens, except for the right to vote and to hold elective office.*

5) *The admission of visitors should be facilitated and unnecessary embarrassments and delays to which they are subjected should be removed.*

6) *Provisions should be made for fair hearings and better procedures on appeals under a Commission on Immigration and Naturalization.*

7) *Provision should be made for an adequate appeal and review procedure without undue delay, on decisions affecting the issuance of visas.*

8) *Provision should be made for using a percentage of visas for admission of "hard-core" cases. (This includes large families, the aged, the physically handicapped and those suffering from long-term diseases.)*

9) *A clear definition of the grounds for deportation is needed with the probable establishment*

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Oct. 24, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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/s/   
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Marion, South Dakota

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 24, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind comments.

While I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write, I cannot be of assistance since information in the files of the FBI is confidential and available for official use only.

This Bureau is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. You should not infer, however, that our files do or do not contain data relative to your inquiry. In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material which you may want to read, and the money you so thoughtfully forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)

- Director's speech on 6-16-59 at Charleston, West Virginia
- Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- God and Country or Communism?
- Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- One dollar correspondent enclosed with his letter

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect correspondent registered at his local draftboard as a conscientious objector in 1951 and he opposed participation in both combatant and non-combatant service. He was described as coming from an extremely strict Mennonite family who observed many rules of conduct that were no longer considered essential by the Mennonite Church. It was stated he believed it was sinful to read magazines and listen to the radio. He was considered to be sincere in his C.O. convictions. Correspondent asked questions: "How far off course has the churches gone?" "How far has communism entered into the Mennonite Conference?" "How sound is the revised standard version (of the Bible)?" "Did communist play a part in the translation/" Dollar forwarded by correspondent returned.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

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October 27, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As I have sent several letters to you during the last 2 or 3 years regarding certain local aspects of communism, and as you very kindly expressed appreciation for them, I am sending this letter to you. I am also sending a copy of it and of the 2 enclosures to Leo Laughlin, your supervising Boston agent. I talked once with him and corresponded on several occasions with him, having received courteous acknowledgments from him also.

Enclosed are copies both of the <sup>MASS</sup> sermon given by our rector, the <sup>CHURCH</sup> [redacted] at the Wellesley Episcopal Church (St. Andrew's) on Oct. 2nd, and the book now being used by 14 monthly study groups of women of this church. Both the sermon and the book appear to be highly misleading.

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In his sermon, the rector quotes with admiration the long "definition" of communism by John H. ~~Hallowell~~, Professor of Political Science at Duke University. This definition seems highly distorted in that it does not state that first and foremost communism is a treacherous world conspiracy seeking the destruction of free nations. Instead, Professor Hallowell says that communism has a "creative role to play in the redemption not only of the proletariat but of mankind itself. For it is nothing less than the redemption of mankind from corruption and evil that is its professed aim."

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Any study of communism shows that its real and its "professed" aims are poles apart. Should not the rector state this?

The rector speaks in this sermon (end of page 5) of a "watered-down Christianity which makes no demands on us." Should he not demand of himself a clearer and more accurate analysis of communism?

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Furthermore, the rector says on page 6:

"As I said last Sunday, the forces of evil are organized. It is so perfectly obvious to us; but the forces of good unfortunately are scattered because we don't believe in such a thing as discipline in the Christian life."

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Such a remark offends the intelligence of able men and women. We certainly are aware that the forces of evil are organized, but we would not be supporting the church if we did not believe in Christian discipline.

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At the end of the sermon, the rector fails to equate communism specifically with many of the "forces of evil." Does this imply that one might be led to believe that communism and Christianity could work together?

Now for a few comments on the small book, Modern Rivals To The Christian Faith, by Cornelius ~~Loew~~, published by the Westminster Press of Philadelphia. This book is being studied chapter by chapter by the women of the parish in 14 monthly meetings held at various homes. One group of 18 women held its first meeting at this home on October 18th.

The leader of this meeting (not the writer of this letter), with other leaders of the 14 groups, had previously met at the church to be briefed [redacted] on such discussions as might arise at the meetings held in the homes. She explained to us that, since the first chapter in the book shows how the word "religious" has several different meanings, [redacted] had suggested that henceforth we delete the word "religion" from our references to Christianity. He had suggested that we speak of the Christian "faith", not of the Christian "religion."

This suggestion was not accepted by some women, some of whom made some very frank comments on the book in general. Objections were made also to the inference on page 13 that a 100% American might be only a fanatic crusading for the belief that we should support our country right or wrong.

I believe that, when the group reaches the study of Chapter 4, "The Nation Is the Measure", the women will object to the slippery writing where by implication the spirit of nationalism or patriotism or Americanism is condemned. Incidentally, I wonder about the background of the author of the book, and his real motives in writing it.

Several women at our home spoke of the confusion that such books and many sermons cause, and asked what might be the real purpose of such material. The leader of the group twice announced emphatically that, if many of the things one reads about Christianity and hears in sermons are a true description of Christianity, then she herself is no Christian.

I note with interest that, although communism is referred to seriously by the rector in his sermon as a religion, we have been requested to omit the word "religion" from our references to Christianity. This might seem like not only endorsing the former but placing it above the latter.

At the end of the book is a so-called parable, quoted from Kierkegaard, about fat geese going Sundays to hear a gander preach on how to do good. Those who attempt to follow his suggestion become weak and sickly. Those who do not follow them continue to be plump.

Aside from the rank insult to women as church members, there also appears to be the fact that, for too long a time, we have listened to sermons which advocate a type of humility which leads to confusion, timidity, and retreat. A further insult is the fact that the book mentions the parable as "refreshing."

It seems unfortunate that we cannot have some sermons explaining sound moral principles such as are given by Bishop Sheen. I believe that his book, Life Is Worth Living, is read by many Protestant women.

What, if anything, we can do about such things as the enclosed book and sermon, my husband and I do not know but we did feel that this background would be of some interest to you people.

Very sincerely yours,



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November 3, 1960

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[Redacted address]

Wellesley Hills 81, Massachusetts

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of October 27, 1960, with enclosures, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

I have read your observations on the material you enclosed, and I do want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending them to me. In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing copies of some of my recent comments on this subject which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)

- Director's speech of 10-3-60
- Director's speech of 10-18-60
- One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Bufiles reflect limited, but cordial, correspondence with [Redacted] last outgoing 6-3-60. In view of the controversial nature of her question in the last paragraph on page three of her letter relative to what can be done about the statements in the material written by individuals associated with religious institutions, it is being purposely ignored. Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding [Redacted] any information regarding Cornelius Loew which would preclude sending this letter regarding [Redacted] letter.

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Sermon delivered by

THE REV. SAMUEL S. JOHNSTON

October 2, 1960

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*"Our Continuing Program"*

## MISSIONARY OUTREACH

These past two weeks of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization should have been eye-openers to all of us here in America. As we have listened to leaders of the Communist world speaking at the U.N. and have seen them on television, we could not help but feel the power of the subversive force. We saw Khrushchev, Castro, Kadar, Tito and others in action. We were reminded that Communism through Cuba is knocking at a side-door of these United States. We were reminded again and again that we had better keep our eyes on the millions in Red China who are under Communistic domination. This has been a stirring fortnight for us here in America — that is, if we have not been too absorbed in the minutiae of our own petty concerns. The toughness, the recklessness, the self-abandonment, the committed determination of the Communists were all made perfectly plain before our eyes! They are not sitting in comfortable armchairs quietly contemplating the pros and cons of Communism and letting the rest of the world go by. Not for one second are they doing that! They're waving their arms; they're pounding on desks and are ready to give their lives for their cause! They have made up their minds long since that Communism is the answer to the world's ills and now they are out to win every last nation upon the earth, down to every little village.

Let's pause for a minute and take another look at what Communism really is. I shall

quote Professor John H. Hallowell, Professor of Political Science at Duke University and a committed Christian who has a deep understanding of Communism and Christianity, for he has made a study of both. He has written:

“If we have underestimated the strength and appeal of Communism, and there are indications that we have, it is because we have underestimated the passion which informs it and the intellectual appeal which lies in its ideology. Communism we have gradually come to realize is something more than an economic doctrine, it is something more than an economic system opposed to capitalism. It is a complete philosophy of life, a world view, a massive, coherent structure. And the passion which informs it is religious in character.

“Its prophecy of a cataclysmic revolution which will inevitably result in the establishment of a dictatorship of the proletariat and more ultimately in the creation of a classless society rests upon a conception of the class struggle which, in turn, is derived from an economic interpretation of history. This economic interpretation of history finds philosophical support in the metaphysical conception of dialectical materialism. Each part of this philosophy is linked inseparably to another and each conclusion derives logically from its premises. Marx did not invent socialism and he was not the first socialist. What he did, and his followers believe with success, was to provide socialism with a “scientific” undergirding. He did not argue, in his theory at least, from moral or humanitarian grounds for the superiority of

socialism but rather contended that he had discovered the laws of history which *inevitably* decree the victory of socialism over capitalism. Marx depicts the coming of the revolution, the dictatorship of the proletariat and the classless society as events of natural necessity. It *must* happen this way since the laws of history and of economics decree it. It is not a matter of choice but a matter of necessity.

“Now it is clear that this is something more than a political or economic theory. There is a sense in which it might well be described as a religion; for it offers a complete explanation of life, requires total commitment of the person who espouses Communism as a cause, and holds out to men the promise of redemption from evil in a new society in which mankind shall be truly free and equal. It is a gospel of salvation by revolution and therein lies its most powerful appeal, especially to those who feel, and with reason, estranged from the society in which they now live. It holds out to the depressed, the downtrodden, the exploited, a creative mission in life, a creative role to play in the redemption not only of the proletariat but of mankind itself. For it is nothing less than the redemption of mankind from corruption and evil that is its professed aim.

“The Communist, like the Christian, is a man of faith confident of the ultimate triumph of righteousness as he understands it. For the person who is in search of a total view of life which is more than an intellectual doctrine, for a view of life which unites thought and action in a cause demanding self-sacrifice and self-

denial, Communism presents itself as an appealing alternative to those who, for one reason or another, have lost their faith in God.”

This we need to understand; and we need to understand it very, very well. When we see this force which has such religious fervor in it, what is there in the world today to combat it? We, in our country, are concerned, deeply so, and our first reaction and response is to spend our time, our energy, our money, working for the best military, political, social and economic means possible in order to meet the challenge. All these things are obviously vital to us and to the future of our country. And yet when you stop to think of Communism and its form of religion, doesn't there seem to be something missing? In our defense program, and that is including all of these things I have just mentioned, is there not lying in the heart of so many the fear and anxiety that the Communist in his cunning way can slip past our very best military, political, social and economic barriers and come out victorious here in our nation? Is there not something still missing? Think again — the Communist makes his appeal to those who *feel* downtrodden, depressed, exploited, who feel estranged from our society, for one reason or another. The Communist seems to be able to slip past all these outward barriers and make his appeal to such people and give them a creative mission in life, a creative role to play. If we are not remembering that Communism is a religion in the eyes of a great many people, we will indeed underestimate its strength and appeal in the world today.

We in the Church have got to wake up to the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ is being challenged. We are being challenged to be more deeply committed to Him than ever before and we are being challenged to see to it, to make sure, to be perfectly positive that others in the neighborhood, in our land, and in the nations around the world are being led to give themselves to Jesus Christ. You see, the Communist simply can't do anything with the man whose heart has been dedicated to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Communist may go so far as to banish him to Siberia, or he may kill him; but he won't become a Communist. You and I know so well, through countless examples over the long years of Church history right down into our own day, that when men and women are dedicated Christians nothing, absolutely nothing can touch them. They already have a strong philosophy of life, a creative mission in life, a creative role to play. The Christian knows that he is out to win the world to Jesus Christ. This is your task and mine, and the responsibility falls on our shoulders. What steps must we take now in this hour?

✓ First, let's decide here and now that we will be fully identified with the Church of Jesus Christ! Let's recognize that the Church is an army under the leadership of our Lord and Master. Let's do away with this awful, devilish, pride-filled, individualistic, personal-opinion kind of Christianity which so often sets us apart, which is so watered down that it makes absolutely no demands on us. Here are people calling themselves Christians but only from

time to time will they go to Church. Only from time to time will they say their prayers. Their spiritual life is controlled only by their feelings. They cannot call themselves Christians and members of the army of Jesus Christ. The Christian religion makes demands on us. Jesus Christ expects us to be self-sacrificing. And so, we will join up and become dedicated, active members of the parish. Take a second look at your copy of the CALL and see where you fit into the program. I'm perfectly positive there is a place there for you. If you honestly cannot find what you feel you need, then let's talk about it. We do need every last person in the parish as a part of the Christian army today. As I said last Sunday, the forces of evil are organized! It is so perfectly obvious to us; but the forces of good unfortunately are scattered, because we don't believe there is such a thing as discipline in the Christian life.

Furthermore, let's do away with this extreme emphasis on our own individual spiritual pulse. We are continually diagnosing our own personal spiritual feelings until many church members of all ages are positively spiritual hypochondriacs. Let's do away with this kind of an attitude and by the grace of God reach out and take the spiritual pulse of others! There are all kinds of people who need the power of the living Christ which can so easily pass from your life to theirs. Never mind what your pulse is! Never mind how you feel about it! Jesus Christ is still Lord and Master and at work no matter how you feel! Your feelings about Him don't obliterate Him. Make your-

self available to Him, and with that kind of thinking dominating your mind you will soon forget to take your pulse and indeed you will find your spiritual well-being growing. And you will find others responding.

There is still another step that we can take. This old Church of ours, beginning here at St. Andrew's, and reaching out to the Diocese and to the Anglican Communion as a whole, is recognizing that there is such a thing as Christian strategy in the conquering of the world for Jesus Christ. The Vestry has thought and planned and prayed about stirring our interest in missionary outreach, and then it has gone to find out where it can be the most effective; to see where it can do the most effective job. This is why we have reached out to the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, where they are training men for the ministry. This is why we have gone to a place like St. John's, Roxbury, an inner-city parish with all of its numerous problems. This is why we have gone to all of these various places. It is a part of our parish strategy to help win the world to Jesus Christ. Or look at strategy on the international level. Our own Bishop Bayne has been made the Executive Secretary for the whole of the Anglican Communion, with headquarters in London. Bishop Bayne has been around the world studying what the Anglican Communion is doing in every country in the world. Where is it weak? Where does it need to be strengthened? Where does new work need to be started? His report comes back after a thorough study — and it is not a sur-



prising report — that one of the key spots in the world today where the Church most needs to turn her attention is Africa. What a contribution we can make to Christendom by reaching out to help in that area! St. Andrew's program includes our being responsible in a very large measure for sending trained men to Africa to help establish a theological seminary there. Oh, understand this: the idea of sending clergy to Africa is no unplanned, sort of a nice-thing-to-do program! Look upon it as a part of the over-all strategy of the Anglican Communion to help to win the world to Jesus Christ. We have got to have our eye on every nation and every last village in the world, the same as the Communist does.

And so, my friends, we are being challenged today by one of the most violent, cruelest forces history has ever seen. We have got to awaken to this enemy! We can go on being overly concerned with the minutiae of our modern American living. But let's wake up! There's a battle to be won! By our dedication, by our self-abandonment, by our attentiveness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the forces of good under the power of Jesus Christ can be victorious.

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A person's *real* religion, says Dr. Loew, is in the commitments that actually shape the pattern of his day-to-day living. When Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," he was suggesting that it is quite possible to give effective loyalty to beliefs, concerns, programs, or movements in such a way as to make them rivals to the one true God.

The author deals first with three such unacknowledged gods of today's culture in America: science, democracy, and "America the beautiful." Some persons give science their deepest loyalty as the savior of mankind; democracy challenges others' loyalty with the strong pull that comes from the sense of belonging together; the third rival to Christian faith is today's prevailing sense of supreme loyalty to one's own nation.

The second part of this book deals with rivals to Christian faith even more insidious, however, because they are within the Church itself.

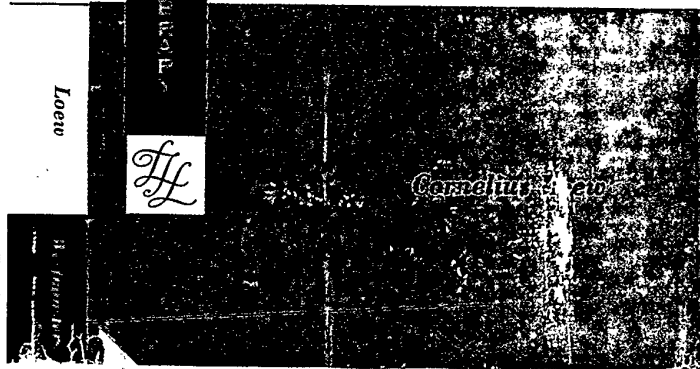
One trend in today's "return to religion" is the attempt to channel through our thinking the power of God for our own selfish use. Another temptation lies in using the Bible as a kind of formula for power, a practice which Dr. Loew condemns as "utterly blasphemous. It is neither scientific nor authentic Christian faith. It is magic."

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**How to Organize a Discussion Group**

*Protestantism relies on laymen for leadership.*

This requires that they be, regarding the Christian faith

- informed
- convinced
- articulate

*Group study is a most effective way to learn.*

Study in groups —

- stimulates interest
- provides a sharing of insight and experience
- corrects opinions
- enlarges understanding
- arouses curiosity
- raises new questions
- kindles zeal for individual study
- creates fellowship
- nurtures Christian growth.

*There are several points to follow in getting a group under way.*

Start with the interested.  
Keep the number small — 10 to 15 is the best size.  
(Better to start a second group than to let one get too large.)  
Select a leader who is a learner.  
(He should have skill in informal educational methods.)  
Set limits —

- of time for each session — 1 to 2 hours
- on the number of sessions — 4 to 6.

Agree on a time and place.  
Invite all who are expected to attend.  
Assign chapters to be discussed so participants come prepared.  
Go to it.

*As your study proceeds, there are points to observe.*

Encourage each member to participate, but discourage speech-making.  
Keep your mind open to new insights and concerns.  
Listen attentively to what others have to say.  
Help to keep the discussion on the subject.  
Expect disagreement; it is normal and wholesome.  
Ask questions.

*Evaluate and follow up.*

Has the effort been fruitful? Why or why not?  
Would this group like another short-term study course?  
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- What makes the "peace of mind" approach to religion so popular in our day?
- What are the uses and perils of techniques in religious practice?
- If positive thinking is the clue to Christian truth, of what significance is the cross of Christ?
- Is a purely personal religion adequate?
- What is meant by the church as "the body of Christ"?

**Discussion VI. Chapter 6. Some Christian Idolatries.**

- Do you agree that "self-centeredness is the root of all idolatry"?
- Is it wrong to seek God because faith will benefit you?
- How can the Bible become an idol?
- What are the values and dangers of creeds?
- A great theologian once said, "The church is an organized conspiracy against Christianity." What did he mean and is there any danger of this today?

**Discussion VII. Chapter 7. The Idolatry of being good.**

- Is a true Christian one who practices what Jesus preached?
- How reliable is "What would Jesus do?" as a guide for living?
- Is it enough to hold Jesus as an ideal and try our very best to emulate him?
- How does the ideal of "being good" or "making the most of ourselves" lead to idolatry?

**Discussion VIII. Chapter 8. Good news for bad men.**

- What is the basic sin of man? Ignorance? Beastliness?
- What is the difference between sins and sin?
- Someone has said that "there is no 'good news' for good people." What did he mean?
- Is what Jesus taught more important than who he was?
- Professor Loew says "the Christian is a forgiven idolater" (p 91). Is this an adequate definition?
- Where then does the changed life fit in?

**Discussion IX. Chapter 9. Christianity always has rivals.**

- In what ways is idolatry a continuing peril?
- By what standards can false loyalties be measured?
- Of what use is theology?

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- I. What Is Religion?—Ch. 1
- II. Christian Rivals in Culture—Chs. 2; 3; 4
- III. Christian Rivals Within Christianity—Chs. 5; 6
- IV. Do It Yourself Religion—Ch. 7
- V. Good News for Bad Men—Chs. 8; 9

It might be possible to combine IV and V and have a series of four sessions, but less than four would hardly do justice to the message of this book.

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of November 16, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the group about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this group by the FBI. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

*o Religion*

This letter is written to ask if you can recommend any dependable sources of information on the subject of communism in Churches or among clergymen.

As you no doubt know already, there are many charges of communism in the churches, most of which are false. I trust that you understand that such sources as the Circuit Riders, the American Council of Churches, and Edgar C. Bundy are using the false charge of communism to combat what they feel to be religious heresy, regardless of any actual communist influence. The experience of Bishop Oxnam with the House Committee on Un-American Activities indicates that that committee was unwittingly duped by some of these same sources, and hence the committee's listings cannot be regarded as authoritative.

In your book, "Masters of Deceit" you have made a few references to communist influences among clergymen, but in most cases you either write of hypothetical cases or conceal the identity of the clergymen involved. In some cases it is difficult to judge whether you are writing of actual events. The nearest thing to a specific charge (page 155) does not reveal the name of the person or the date. ("some years ago") I am wondering if the lack of specific information indicates that you have few actual documented cases.

I can readily believe that there are some actual cases of clergymen with communist leanings, and I believe firmly that the best way to deal with the problem is to fact the facts squared and bring them out into the open. However, the ordinary individual is in no position to evaluate the charges, and there are so many of them that it is impossible to sift out the valid charges of actual communist influence.

Can you recommend any sources of reliable information? Specifically, is there any source, government or otherwise, that lists organizations which have been proven to be communist fronts, or clergymen that have been proven to have communist sympathies?

I will greatly appreciate any advise you can give me in this problem.

Sincerely yours,

- Mr. Tolson
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- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan
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May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

With regard to your other inquiries, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. In view of your concern regarding communism, enclosed is some material dealing with that subject which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
One Nation's Response to Communism  
Speech before The American Legion 10-18-60  
Communist Target--Youth  
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Correspondent refers to Edgar C. Bundy, General Chairman of the Church League of America, who claims to have formerly been a major in Air Force Intelligence. He is also a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country on communism. We have received inquiries concerning allegations that Bundy may have represented himself to be a former Bureau employee in some of his lectures. He has been the subject of a closed impersonation case which did not substantiate the alleged impersonations. Bufiles reflect the Circuit Riders to be an anticommunist laymen group of the Methodist Church, and we have enjoyed cordial relations with them. Bufiles contain no pertinent information regarding the American Council of Churches.



# First Congregational Church

(UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST)

Douglas, Wyoming  
January 12, 1961

*Communist Infiltration into Religion*

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
FBI  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reports are persistent in our community that your office has issued recently a statement wherein it is asserted that Protestant ministers and schoolteachers are being infiltrated by Communists.

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While I do not believe such a report, I should like to know whether any recent statement from your headquarters is directly or indirectly in the above category. If there is such a statement, I should like to see it.

If you can and will enlighten me on the above matter I will very much appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,



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Messianic zeal; and its own fanatical devotees who are willing to accept any personal sacrifice that furthers the cause.

It would seem that communists, in view of the above, would make clear, always and at every point, their opposition to religion. Often, however, tactics have made it necessary to play down or to conceal entirely the Party's intentions in line with Lenin's advice: "... but this does not mean that the religious question must be pushed into the foreground where it does not belong." The communists realize that the vast majority of non-communists believe in God. Too bold an approach might antagonize them, doing the Party more harm than good.

In the early days, before Party discipline was established, Lenin counseled: "The Anarchist, who preaches war against God at all costs, actually helps the... bourgeoisie..." William Z. Foster, rebuking the extreme left, said that some of their efforts at "God killing" served only for "... overstress and distortion of the religious question."

By 1937 such tactical caution was beginning to be replaced by a calculated program to exploit religion. Foster called this the "... more recent practical approach to the religious question, on the basis long ago laid by Lenin."

This "practical approach" means attempting, through deceptive tactics, to capture support from American religious groups for an atheistic Communist Party. As Foster put it in 1937:

In consequence, the anti-religious Communist Party is now to be found in close united front cooperation with dozens of churches and other religious organizations on questions of immediate economic and political interest to the toiling masses.

In line with these tactics, the Party is today engaged in a systematic program to infiltrate American religious groups. "The Communist Party," said the National Committee in 1954, "declares that it seeks no conflict with any church or any American's religious belief. On the contrary, we stretch out our hand

in the fellowship of common struggle for our mutual goal of peace, democracy and security to all regardless of religious belief." Members are being told: "Join churches and become involved in church work."

The Party's objectives inside religious groups are several:

1. *To gain "respectability"*: "... a church is the best front we can have." Comrades, by associating in church circles, secure an "acceptable" status in the community, greater credence for their opinions, and the lulling of noncommunist suspicions.

2. *To provide an opportunity for the subtle dissemination of communist propaganda.* Churches are convincing places in which to identify communist programs with such genuine religious values as "peace," "brotherhood," "justice." One member bragged how in a church talk he had "plugged" for Marx. The communists are careful, however, not to overdo it. One fellow was too ambitious. He was challenged by alert church members and relieved of his leadership duties.

3. *To make contact with youth:* through class discussions, recreational affairs, etc. The object is not necessarily to recruit (although in one church several young people did join) but to plant a seed of Marxist-Leninist thought.

4. *To exploit the church in the Party's day-to-day agitational program.* In the 1930's and 1940's the approach was chiefly through "immediate economic and political" problems, with the Party attempting to exploit the church's legitimate interest in better housing and the elimination of social injustices.

Today this tactic is overshadowed by the "peace" issue. Every possible deceptive device is being used to link the Party's "peace" program with the church. One Communist Party section issued instructions that every clergyman in the community be contacted to give a sermon on "peace." Encourage "Party church members" to organize discussion groups, perhaps showing a "peace" film. If possible, circulate "peace" literature. If

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you can't get inside, stand outside. One organizer said: "We are to dress up like other people and stand outside churches in our neighborhoods and use the slogan, 'Peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

5. *To enlarge the area of Party contacts.* One Party section advocated: Join small churches (100 to 500 membership), so that one can more easily work himself into a position of leadership. Make as many personal contacts as possible. Learn where church member works, what his hobbies are, etc. Someday he might be used. One Party member, active in youth work, learned that the parents of several young people were working in an industrial plant. Securing this information was most important, he said.

6. *To influence clergymen.* A dedicated clergyman, being a man of God, is a mortal enemy of communism. But if he can, by conversion, influence, or trickery, be made to support the communist program once or a few times or many times, the Party gains. If, for example, a clergyman can be persuaded to serve as sponsor or officer of a communist front, to issue a testimonial or to sign a clemency petition for a communist "victim of persecution," his personal prestige lends weight to the cause.

The church, in communist eyes, is an "enemy" institution to be infiltrated, subverted, and bent to serve Party aims. Any successes make the comrades diabolically happy. One member, talking to her communist friends, laughed about prayers in church. "Who wants to hear such stuff, but what can I do? That's the only way I can get in there."

We might expect, considering the importance of materialism in communist theory, that the Party's constitution would set forth atheism as a basic principle of communism. But "... we do not declare," said Lenin, "and must not declare in our programme that we are 'Atheists'..."

The Party's aim, in addition to that of exploiting the church, is to neutralize religion as an effective counterweapon. At

present virtually nothing is being said in open Party propaganda that is antireligious. Pamphlet after pamphlet is issued on civil rights, "peace," "democracy"; very few on religion. Communists in the United States, however, are on record in regard to their views on religion: for example, Earl Browder, *Communism in the United States* (1935), pages 334-49; William Z. Foster, *The Twilight of World Capitalism* (1949), pages 87-99 and "Reply to a Priest's Letter," *Political Affairs* (October, 1954). Also, a pamphlet, *Science and Religion*, by Marcel Cachin (1946), editor of *L'Humanité*, French communist newspaper, has been circulated.

If members are forced to present the Party's views, they are instructed to stress, as Lenin did, that religion is a "private matter" for the individual, and to pose as "tolerant." Doesn't the Party's constitution say that a person is eligible for membership "regardless of . . . religious belief?" The object here is to dull the vigilance of the noncommunist mind and to make religious belief appear as something minor, secondary, and inconsequential.

When tactically expedient, the communists even liken themselves to the early Christian martyrs suffering persecution for attempting to aid mankind.

One cartoon published in *The Worker* shows a sketch of Christ in the form of a wanted criminal. The caption reads: REWARD for Information Leading to the Apprehension of—

JESUS CHRIST

WANTED—for Sedition, Criminal  
Anarchy, Vagrancy, and Conspiring  
to Overthrow the Established Government

Dresses Poorly. Said to be a carpenter by trade, ill-nourished, has visionary ideas, associates with common working people, the unemployed and bums . . . Alias: "Prince of Peace. Son of Man" . . . Professional agitator.

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January 23, 1961

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First Congregational Church  
Douglas, Wyoming

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of January 12, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, on numerous occasions I have made statements concerning the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate our religious and educational institutions. These statements have been concerned with the over-all communist program of attempting to infiltrate all mass-type organizations which, of course, include our churches and schools. You might desire to obtain a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your public library. On pages 324-326, you will find detailed the Communist Party's objectives relative to religious groups.

In view of your concern about communism, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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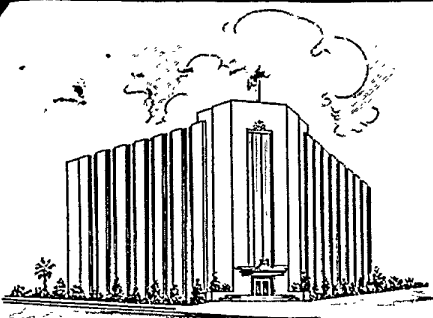
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BOX 212

PH. 1434

CARTHAGE, TEXAS

January 11, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Communist Infiltration into Religion*

As committee chairman, I have been designated to write to you for any information you and the F. B. I. can supply, as to the following people and organizations, if they are reliable sources of information as to being Anti-Communist (Marxist type) or if you have any pro-Communist information on any of the following which can be divulged, we would appreciate all you can tell us about the following:

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(1) Dr. Eugene Carson ~~Blake~~, United Presbyterian High Clerk

*Dom. Rep.*  
(2) Billy James ~~Margis~~, of Tulsa, Oklahoma

(3) The ~~Defenders~~, of Wichita, Kansas

(4) *Wise*

(5) ~~National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution~~  
1776 D Street N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

(6) ~~Cinema Educational Guild, Inc.~~  
P. O. Box 46205, Hollywood 46, California

(7) *DC*

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(9) ~~National Council of Churches~~ *US*

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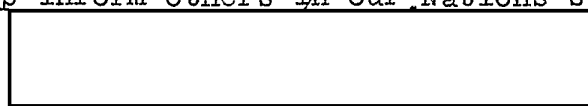
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The whole purpose of our small grass roots organization is to ferret out true and correct information concerning Communism, and to be able to defend the innocent and to be able to recognize the guilty when trying to learn more ourselves and to help inform others in our Nations struggle against Communism.



Committee on How to Inform Ourselves on Marxist Communism  
of Men's Council of East Texas Larger Parish/United Presbyterian Church

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Carthage, Texas

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated January 11, 1961, has been received.

The motives prompting your writing me are deeply appreciated and, in view of your interest, I am enclosing publications on the subject of communism which you and your friends may like to read.

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Although I would like to be of assistance, I am unable to furnish information concerning the individuals or organizations you named, inasmuch as the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, publication, or organization.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Carthage, Texas

NOTE ON YELLOW:

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Correspondent, chairman of an organization entitled Committee on How to Inform Ourselves on Marxist Communism of Men's Council of East Texas Larger Parish, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., requests information concerning individuals and organizations documented below with respect to their reliability and any procommunist activity. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or the committee he represents.

Bufiles reveal that Reverend Eugene Carson Blake, former president of the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC), has not been investigated by the Bureau. (100-350619)

Billy James Hargis is a nondenominational minister and has been described as a "hillbilly evangelist." In late 1957 he was the subject of a Registration Act investigation following his meeting with the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and a visit to that country. The Department in April, 1958, however, advised there was insufficient evidence to establish that he was an agent of the Dominican Republic. (97-3475)

The "Defender" magazine is self-described as an evangelical, patriotic publication, published by Defenders of the Christian Faith, Inc., Wichita, Kansas. It has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation. (65-45316)

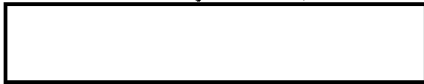
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Bufiles reveal that [redacted] of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is a [redacted] self-styled as an anticommunist [redacted] Cordial relations exist between [redacted] and the Milwaukee Office. (2-1566) (32-57-5045)

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation.

The Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation. While purporting to be an anticommunist organization, it has also distributed anti-Negro and anti-Semitic literature.

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**NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED:**

Edgar C. Bundy is the general chairman of the Church League of America and claims to have formerly been a Major in Air Force Intelligence. He is also a former Baptist minister who did much lecturing around the country on communism. He has been the subject of a closed impersonation case, which did not substantiate the alleged impersonations. (62-1045761)

Allegations have been made by a number of people that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. The NCCC has not been investigated by the Bureau. (100-50869)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target-Youth"
2. "Expose of Soviet Espionage, May, 1960"
3. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"
4. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"
5. "God and Country or Communism?"
6. "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA"
7. "America-Freedom's Champion"
8. The Director's Year-End Report to the Attorney General dated December 22, 1960.

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PALESTINE, TEXAS

January 20, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

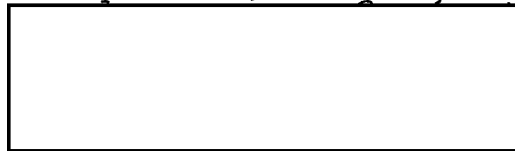
There are two Methodist ministers currently residing in Palestine, Texas who are members of the Texas Conference Board of Education of the Methodist Church, with offices at 421 S. Magnolia, Palestine, Texas. I am interested in knowing if their names appear on any of your lists of subversive persons in as much as they are charged with conducting educational study for the Texas Conference of the Methodist Church.

Their names are [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] of Adult Work. [redacted] was at one time a member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and Study under Harry Ward, a Methodist minister.

I would like this communication to remain confidential, and will appreciate receiving what information you have on these two men. I am a member of The First Methodist Church, Palestine, Texas, and also a member of its Official Board, and [redacted] the Finance Commission. I have three children attending the Sunday School Classes of the Church and its for this reason that I am interested in having the information requested in this letter.

Respectfully submitted,



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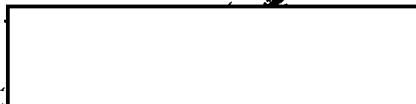
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January 30, 1961

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Palestine, Texas

Dear

Your letter dated January 20, 1961, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I am sure you understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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I am enclosing some literature on the topic of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent states that he would appreciate being advised whether or not [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] board members of the Texas Conference Board of Education of the Methodist Church, are on the Bureau's list of subversive individuals. He states that [REDACTED] was at one time a member of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and Study. Correspondent states he is a member of the Official Board of the First Methodist Church in Palestine, Texas, and for this reason he is interested in obtaining information on these two individuals. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent [REDACTED] or the Texas Conference Board of Education of the Methodist Church. *Tex*

The Methodist Federation for Social Action is the subject of an Internal Security - C and Internal Security Act, 1950, investigation. This organization is also listed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in its pamphlet "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications."

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA."
4. "America - Freedom's Champion"
5. Excerpts from Director's year-end report to the Attorney General, 12-22-60.
6. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

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Mt. Pleasant Christian Church  
P. O. BOX 18  
Hall, Indiana

Mr J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Communist Infiltration  
into Religion

Dear Sir:

A man who has recently become a member of our congregation, [Redacted] has suggested we start a study group to acquaint ourselves with the dangers of communism.

In the past few years I have read several books on this subject including your book entitled "Masters of Deceit". Recently I had my name placed on the mailing list of the House Unamerican Activities Committee in order to receive further information. I have tried to educate myself on the dangers of communism, as I think everyone should, but I am not in favor of using material written only to scare or mislead people.

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The purpose of this letter is to determine the credibility of certain groups which publish material on communism which [Redacted] is distributing.

Included in this material is a pamphlet issued by Circuit Riders, Inc., 18 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, entitled "30 of the 95 men who gave us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible!" This pamphlet indicates many of these men were communist fellow travelers and hints that royalty income from the sale of this Bible is used to promote communism. Also included is a pamphlet entitled "The National Council of Churches Indicts itself on 50 Counts of Treason to God and Country" which was written by Billy James Hargis D.D. of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also material from the John Birch Society with headquarters in Belmont, Massachusetts and We, The People with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

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I believe [Redacted] is sincere in his desire to help people learn about the communist menace but I do not agree with some of his tactics and question many of his statements. One statement made by him in one of our Sunday School classes was that each time someone purchased a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible he was helping the communist movement. He has also stated that a movement is under way to have Chief Justice Earl Warren impeached to show people they mean business with people who are sympathetic toward communism. These statements are made, I believe, on the basis of information he receives from the above sources.

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Please give me any information you can regarding the organizations and publications mentioned and any suggestions you might have in dealing with this situation.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours

Mt. Pleasant Christian Church



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January 31, 1961



Mt. Pleasant Christian Church  
Post Office Box 18  
Hall, Indiana

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter postmarked January 19, 1961, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am, therefore, precluded from furnishing the information you desire or recommending any course of action to be followed by you.

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In view of your interest in the menace of communism, I am enclosing some material on this topic which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Correspondent states that a new member of his church [REDACTED] has suggested that a study group be established to study the dangers of communism. In this regard, correspondent states that [REDACTED] is distributing material obtained from Circuit Riders, Inc., Billy James Hargis, the John Birch Society and We, The People. He requests information concerning these sources of information. Bureau files contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent or [REDACTED]

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Circuit Riders, Inc., is an organization of laymen in the Methodist church whose objective is to combat communism in the church. It has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation. (62-99405)

Billy James Hargis is a nondenominational minister and has been described as hillbilly-type evangelist. In March, 1957, he was the subject of Registration Act investigation following his contacts with the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic and a visit to that country. The Department in April, 1958, however, advised that there was insufficient evidence to establish that he was an agent of the Dominican Republic (97-3475)

We, The People is a "right-wing" organization which advocates limiting the tax-spending power of the Federal Government and eliminating Government competition with private business. (105-50496-28)

The John Birch Society has not been investigated by the Bureau. This organization has been very critical of/President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)  
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1. "God and Country or Communism?"
2. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
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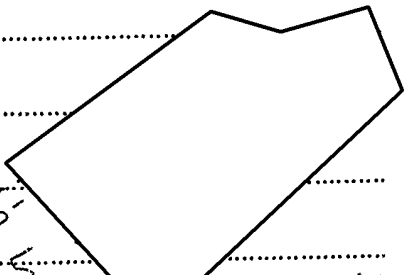
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PUBLIC LAW 601, 79TH CONGRESS

The legislation under which the House Committee on Un-American Activities operates is Public Law 601, 79th Congress [1946], chapter 753, 2d session, which provides:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, \* \* \**

PART 2—RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RULE X

SEC. 121. STANDING COMMITTEES

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17. Committee on Un-American Activities, to consist of nine Members.

RULE XI

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

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The Committee on Un-American Activities shall report to the House (or to the Clerk of the House if the House is not in session) the results of any such investigation, together with such recommendations as it deems advisable.

For the purpose of any such investigation, the Committee on Un-American Activities, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act at such times and places within the United States, whether or not the House is sitting, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, and to take such testimony, as it deems necessary. Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any subcommittee, or by any member designated by any such chairman, and may be served by any person designated by any such chairman or member.

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RULE XII

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT BY STANDING COMMITTEES

SEC. 136. To assist the Congress in appraising the administration of the laws and in developing such amendments or related legislation as it may deem necessary, each standing committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall exercise continuous watchfulness of the execution by the administrative agencies concerned of any laws, the subject matter of which is within the jurisdiction of such committee; and, for that purpose, shall study all pertinent reports and data submitted to the Congress by the agencies in the executive branch of the Government.



RULES ADOPTED BY THE 86TH CONGRESS

House Resolution 7, January 7, 1959

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# ISSUES PRESENTED BY AIR RESERVE CENTER TRAINING MANUAL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1960

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,  
*Washington, D.C.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION <sup>1</sup>

The Committee on Un-American Activities met, pursuant to call, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 228, Old House Office Building, Hon. Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania (chairman), presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Francis E. Walter, of Pennsylvania; Morgan M. Moulder, of Missouri; Clyde Doyle, of California; Edwin E. Willis, of Louisiana; William M. Tuck, of Virginia; Donald L. Jackson, of California; Gordon H. Scherer, of Ohio; and August E. Johansen, of Michigan. (Appearances as noted.)

Staff members present: Richard Arens, staff director; Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Donald T. Appell and Raymond T. Collins, investigators.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order, please.

(Members present at the convening of the hearing: Representatives Walter, Moulder, Doyle, and Scherer.)

The CHAIRMAN. Some few weeks ago, this committee began hearings on the subject of Communist activities and propaganda among youth groups. In opening those hearings I stated:

I know that this committee's investigation in this area will probably precipitate a barrage from the Communist press and from Communist sympathizers characterizing our work as an investigation of youth. The Communists know, as well as we do, that the overwhelming majority of the young people of this Nation are of unquestioned patriotism and dedication to all that is good and noble in our society. But by equating an investigation of Communist activities among youth with an investigation of youth itself, the Communists and their sympathizers hope to becloud the issues. This, of course, is an old trick which the Communists repeatedly use. When this committee investigates Communist activities in defense plants, the smoke screen that the Communists use is that we are investigating organized labor. When we investigate Communist activities in an educational institution, it is protested by the Communists that we are investigating education. I am sure that the overwhelming majority of the American people readily see through this fraud, and it shall not dissuade us from our task.

Although the only witnesses who were subpoenaed for those hearings on Communist activities and propaganda among youth groups were hard-core members of the Communist Party who had been identified as such under oath, the Communist and pro-Communist press of this

<sup>1</sup> Released by the committee and ordered to be printed.

country followed the course which I predicted on the day on which the hearings were opened.

Typical of the reaction which I anticipated was a statement of one columnist that the Committee on Un-American Activities was now engaged in intimidating children.

An editorial in the Washington Post proclaimed that the Committee on Un-American Activities:

\* \* \* aims to stigmatize as subversive a healthy curiosity and a youthful hope that peace can be promoted by letting young people of the world rub elbows and minds.

With reference to the hard-core identified Communists who were subpoenaed before this committee, the Washington Post editorial stated:

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has now used its subpoena power to hale before it five young men and women who had the temerity to attend one or another of the youth festivals held at Moscow, Warsaw and Vienna.

Based on extensive experience as chairman of this committee, I now predict that the instant hearings will be publicized as an investigation by the Committee on Un-American Activities of religion; that we on this committee are concerned about religious beliefs or theology; or that certain ministers of the gospel must be subversive because they advocate tenets with which the committee does not concur.

Again I say, as I said when we were investigating Communist activities and propaganda among youth groups, that this diversionary tactic will not dissuade us from our task. We thoroughly expect attack by Communists, pro-Communists, dupes, and misguided liberals who would use the facade of religion to mask Communist activities. We on this committee are as proud of our enemies as we are of our friends.

In the military stalemate between the forces of freedom and international communism, the chief arena of conflict has now shifted from the military to the nonmilitary. The enemy's threat, however, becomes even more dangerous because it is more difficult to detect and engage in combat. His arsenal includes weapons of internal subversion, espionage, sabotage, propaganda, and economic and political warfare. His objective remains the same—destruction of all free societies, conquest of the world, and enslavement of mankind. The battlefields are every institution and organization of society, including the home, the church, the school, and every agency of our Government.

During the past summer a 2-week National Strategy Seminar for 200 carefully selected reserve officers from all over the Nation was held at the National War College in Washington with the endorsement of the Department of Defense and with the assistance of the Reserve Officers Association, the Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Institute for American Strategy.

The officers who attended this seminar did not study military science. They did not listen to lectures on military strategy, tactics, weapons development, and other subjects usually associated with the Armed Forces. Rather, the major theme of this seminar, at which

a score of the country's top authorities on communism lectured, was "fourth dimensional warfare" or, as it is sometimes called, "political warfare"—combat aimed at destroying an enemy by nonmilitary means. This is a combat science which has been developed by the Communists to its highest degree in the history of civilization.

An implication of this seminar—and a point previously made by many experts—is that this country could be conquered by Communists without a shot being fired; that the military know-how and capabilities of our Armed Forces, our tremendous array of weapons, and the huge sums spent to develop them might never be used in a final defense effort to prevent the enslavement of the American people.

In this struggle between freedom and the forces of slavery, the Congress of the United States has charged the Committee on Un-American Activities with the responsibility for maintaining continuing surveillance over the agitational and propaganda activities within this Nation, of the international Communist conspiracy. It has also charged it with continually reviewing the administration and operation of our security laws for the purpose of recommending such revisions as are necessary to cope with the everchanging Communist threat.

Recently the Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp, was quoted in the press as "categorically repudiating" the Air Reserve Center Training Manual as representing Air Force views. Much of this manual deals with problems of Communist infiltration and subversion. Indeed, in the sections dealing with this subject, there appear numerous quotations derived from hearings conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities, in which are presented authoritative statements by experts on each of several facets of the subject.

Since it appears that the "categorical repudiation" of the Air Reserve Center Training Manual by the Secretary of the Air Force stemmed largely because of statements in the manual respecting "infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches"—see manual, page 15-14—all God-fearing, freedom-loving people would do well to pause and reflect on the irresolute opposition of atheistic communism to religion.

Here are the words of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Communism is secularism on the march. It is the mortal foe of all the world's religions which acknowledge the existence of God. Either the faith of our fathers will triumph or communism will engulf us. In this land of ours the two cannot live side by side.

Nowhere among the leaders of the Communist Party in the United States, Russia, Red China or in any other part of the world will you find one who loves and believes in God. God is truth. Communists hate truth and, therefore, they hate the church.

One of the leading slogans of the Communist Revolution in Russia in 1917 was: "Religion is the opium of the people."

This was first uttered by Karl Marx, the founder of communism, in 1843. Lenin, now resurrected by the Kremlin as the Communist idol and guide of the present and future, restated it in 1905. \* \* \* Nikita Khrushchev, the present head of the Russian Communist Party, publicly proclaimed that Communists have not changed their opinion on religion and said:

"We remain the atheists that we have always been; we are doing all we can to liberate those people who are still under the spell of this religious opiate."

Sworn testimony from religious leaders who have escaped from Communist regimes amply demonstrates the intensity of the warfare which communism is waging against the churches.

I am inserting, as an appendix to my remarks, excerpts from typical testimony on this issue.

What of Communist infiltration in church groups in the United States?

Incidental to investigations conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities in our pursuit of Communists, at least a dozen persons who have been identified as members of the Communist Party have also professed to be ministers of the gospel. In addition, several undercover operatives of the FBI who have served in the Communist Party have testified under oath respecting the directives under which they and other members of the Communist Party operated with respect to penetration of church groups.

I am likewise inserting in the appendix to my remarks excerpts from sworn testimony on this subject.

How successful have Communists been in their attempts to penetrate church groups?

Although this question is not subject to precise qualitative or quantitative analysis, it is a fact, however, supported by the record, that the Communists have duped large numbers of the clergy, as well as lay leaders of the churches, into supporting Communist fronts and causes which masquerade behind deceitful facades of humanitarianism. This is not to say that these persons are necessarily consciously supporting Communist enterprises, but the net result is, for all practical purposes, the same.

Some 2 or 3 years ago the Committee on Un-American Activities held consultations with three prominent clergymen of the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant faiths, respectively, on the subject "The Ideological Fallacies of Communism." These clergymen, Rabbi S. Andhil Fineberg, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, and Dr. Daniel A. Poling, clearly exposed the fallacies of this devilish force. In the course of the consultation Dr. Fineberg was asked this question:

Have the religious forces of the world, in your judgment, been as vigorous in opposition to the spread of communism as they might have been?

He replied:

Too few religious leaders have accepted the responsibility of refuting Communist propaganda. Like most Americans, clergymen have been against communism without studying it and without effort to expose its fallacies.

In my judgment, much good can come from an objective inquiry into the reasons why the Air Reserve Center Training Manual, which in part dealt with this very problem, was repudiated by the Secretary of the Air Force. Without apology, therefore, and with firm determination that we will pursue this subject matter honestly, fairly, and sincerely, with the end in view of developing the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, we are opening our inquiry today by receiving the testimony of the Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp.

(The appendix referred to follows:)

APPENDIX TO OPENING STATEMENT, HONORABLE FRANCIS E. WALTER  
(D-PA.) CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, ON  
ISSUES PRESENTED BY AIR RESERVE CENTER TRAINING MANUAL,  
WASHINGTON, D.C., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1960

Father Theodoric Joseph Zubek, a Franciscan priest who escaped from Slovakia, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities in December 1959 as follows:

"... Male religious orders and congregations were suppressed in April 1950. There were over 700 male religious priests and brothers living in 137 monasteries in Slovakia. \* \* \* and were subjected to Communist-sponsored reeducation. If they complied with this brainwashing and took the oath of loyalty, they were sent to parishes and churches as diocesan priests. If they remained unyielding, they were sent to forced labor camps, and later in 1957, released to manual work. Clerics and religious brothers, if they did not want to leave the religious life, went also through the forced labor camps, and eventually to manual work on their own. A similar fate met the female religious congregations. There were 3,548 religious sisters in Slovakia, living in 210 convents. The convents were suppressed in August 1950, and the sisters were forced to leave the religious life. If they refused, they were sent to work without any salary in forced labor camps, collective farms, or various state plants.

"... The Communist control can be said to be twofold: public control and secret control of activities of the church. By public control, I mean the antichurch laws of 1949.

"Besides, they have secret control of the church. Spies attend every ceremony. They trail priests and bishops wherever they go."

Concerning Communist persecution of church groups in Red China, Rev. Peter Chu Pong, general secretary of the Hong Kong International Christian Leadership, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities in March 1959, as follows:

"... They (the Communists) formed an indoctrination class in the assembly hall of our church. For 2 weeks they worked on the members of my church, brainwashing them into accusing me of being an imperialist agent and a running dog of the missionaries . . .

"From morning to night they taught my church members all about communism. They indoctrinated our people along three major points: 1. They entirely denied there is a living God which exists in this universe. They told the people the whole universe was created through evolution. 2. They denied Lord Jesus and His salvation. They told the people that Jesus Christ was just a common carpenter, that the people had crucified him because he wanted to lead the people in counterrevolution work. 3. They told the people that Christianity is a religious instrument of the foreign imperialists to poison our Chinese people and sell them into slavery.

"... They held an accusation meeting to accuse me, my wife, and the elders and deacons in our church of being imperialists. They

tied our hands with long rope and forced us to kneel on the platform in our church assembly hall with signs around our necks which said 'Guilty Crime.' They slapped our faces, kicked our bodies, and poured cold water on our heads. They made my children stand and watch. If they cried, the Communists beat them. They wanted me to confess that I was an imperialist agent and reveal the amounts of money I was supposed to have received from the missionaries. They wanted me to tell what kind of guns and radios the missionaries had given to me. They accused me of helping twelve missionaries escape from Nanking before the Communists came. They wanted me to reject Christ, give up my church, and admit that the only God was Mao Tse-tung, head of the Communist government.

"... If I had confessed they would have killed me immediately. They were going to put me into prison anyway. \* \* \*"

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Under date of October 20, 1959, Moisselle Clinger, former undercover agent for the FBI who served in the Communist Party, testified as follows:

"Question: What was the practice of the Communist Party during the period of your membership with regard to assigning people to work in mass organizations?"

"Mrs. Clinger: Almost everyone was assigned to some type of a mass organization. Now, there may have been something that they were interested in. I mean, they were all in some group that they may have belonged to, but if you didn't belong, you were told where or what to join. I remember the churches. There was one period where they felt it was quite necessary that different people join different churches, and for—

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"Question: . . . Now, if you will recall other assignments, you spoke of assignments in church work. Do you know of anyone who received such an assignment who was known to you personally to be a member of the Communist Party?"

"Mrs. Clinger: Yes. The same O. E. Burrell, I know, did quite a bit. I know that he belonged to the church in Santa Monica, and to me this was kind of an odd thing, and to many of the old-timers in the Communist Party it was kind of earth shaking to have to go into a church. \* \* \* I noticed it was mostly the younger—I wouldn't say younger, I mean the newer—members that they were able to do this with. I noticed it was not the older members, long-standing members who were too interested in taking on this task of going into the churches to work.

"I know my husband was asked to join a church, and I frowned on this, so that he was not pushed to go ahead with this."

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A few months ago Mrs. Dorothy Healey, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, reported in a convention speech respecting the activities of the Communists of southern California, in part, as follows:

"\* \* \* Communists \* \* \* are working in community organizations, fraternal organizations or churches \* \* \*

"A further expression of the way to develop and consolidate the antimonopoly alliance, is through our participation in activating the program of the people's organizations to which we belong."

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Marion Miller, former undercover agent for the FBI, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities on October 21, 1959, as follows:

"Mrs. Miller: \* \* \* these people \* \* \* carry out this Communist propaganda and the work of the party no matter where they are because this is their duty, to promote communism wherever they are, whatever time it might be. They live and breathe as Communists, in whatever organization they go into. I can't emphasize this too strongly, whether in a trade union or in a fraternal organization, or in a religious group, in a church, wherever it may be, the duty of a Communist is to carry out the Communist program."

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Miss Carol Bayne, San Diego native and resident, appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities in public session on April 21, 1954. She became a Communist sympathizer late in 1948, and joined the Communist Party early in 1949. She testified that she probably was dropped from party rolls sometime in 1951 at her request, and that she made an effort to rejoin the party in February 1954. She testified as follows:

"Question: Were you given instructions at any time by the Communist Party as to the attitude that should be taken by Communists toward religion or toward religious groups?"

"Miss Bayne: Toward religious groups. I can answer that. I was instructed not too long ago, in the hopes of assisting the FBI, when I tried to get back into the party, I was instructed that I would have to join a church youth group, or a church, and become active in its work."

"Question: You were told if you came back—"

"Miss Bayne: In order to get back into the party I would have to get into a church group and work within it and try to influence it."

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Rev. Joseph S. Nowak appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities in public session on March 25, 1954. He was born in Lwow, Poland, on October 17, 1903, and was brought to the United States by his parents in June 1906.

In the course of his testimony, Rev. Nowak admitted that in 1946 he formally joined the Communist Party. In discussing his associations with the Communist Party and its members, he testified that from 1934, upon his graduation from the Union Theological Seminary, until 1942, he was in charge of a small mission, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore, Maryland. He testified that, while not a member of the Communist Party, he held an office in a Communist-front organization, the American League Against War and Fascism, knowing that its leaders were officials in the Communist Party:

"Question: Were you a member of the Communist Party while you were on your assignment in Baltimore?"

"Mr. Nowak: No, sir; I was not."



"Question: Although you were not a member of the Communist Party while you were in Baltimore, did you collaborate with functionaries of the Communist Party while you were there——

"Mr. Nowak: I worked together——

"Question: And worked with the Communist Party?

"Mr. Nowak: I worked together with them; yes.

"Question: Knowingly?

"Mr. Nowak: As an official of the American League [Against War and Fascism]; yes, and also knowingly. I knew that they were officials in the party."

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Herbert A. Philbrick was a member of the Communist Party as an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Following are excerpts from his testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities on July 23, 1951:

"Question: You have testified that you were active in various youth organizations in your church work. Did you continue to be active in your church work after joining the Young Communist League?

"Mr. Philbrick: Yes, I did. First of all, of course, I wanted to continue because I wanted to maintain my contacts with some healthy minded individuals; but beyond that, and to my good fortune, I was instructed by the party to continue my contacts and to continue my affiliations in all my normal groups.

"These instructions were also given to other members in my cell . . .

"Question: Who gave you those instructions?

"Mr. Philbrick: . . . I recall that in a discussion at the apartment of Dave Bennett we were given those instructions. I was also given those same instructions by Fanny Hartman and by Alice Gordon.

"Question: Was Dave Bennett known to you to be a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Philbrick: He was known to me long before I actually became a formal member myself . . .

"Question: From the instructions which you received from the Communist Party, did it appear, or were you led to believe, that in the field of religious activity the Communist Party was incompatible with any religious belief?

"Mr. Philbrick: Absolutely. We were taught that the socialistic theories of Marx had nothing to do with the idealistic superstitions of religious organizations."

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Earl Reno, former high-ranking official of the Communist Party, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities on March 25, 1954, as follows:

"Question: . . . In the performance of the work of the Communist Party through the American League Against War and Fascism, and through the Ethiopian Defense Committee, did you utilize at any time the services of any ministers or any members of the ministry?

"Mr. Reno: Yes. We had two ministers who were particularly active in the American League Against War and Fascism and the Ethiopian Defense Committee. \* \* \* Rev. Joseph Nowak and Rev. Jack Hutchison. \* \* \*

" \* \* \* These two young ministers came there, said they had recently come from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, that they had been students of Harry Ward and intimated that they had some previous contact with the Communist Party and wanted to know in what way they could work. \* \* \*

" \* \* \* they were assigned to churches in Baltimore; that they had previously done some work in conjunction with the Communist Party, I believe, in New York and wanted to know in what way they could do cooperative work while in the period they were in Baltimore. \* \* \*

"Then, in the meantime, I had had discussions with Leonard Patterson about the possibility of their working in the Ethiopian Defense Committee, and at the second meeting with them I suggested they work both with the American League Against War and Fascism and the Ethiopian Defense Committee, and they did. They became members of these two organizations and participated. \* \* \*

"Question: Did they advise you at any time that they were not members of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Reno: No. There were times when they asked the advisability of joining the Communist Party, which I advised them against, and at one point Dr. Albert Blumberg came and said one minister had asked the probability of leaving the church, joining the Communist Party. I said, 'This is ridiculous.' \* \* \* Dr. Albert Blumberg came to me to discuss the possibility of Reverend Hutchison joining the Communist Party, and at that time I said I didn't think it was wise and I thought it was rather ridiculous, and as long as I was in Baltimore I would not have accepted membership application from either of them.

"Question: Why?

"Mr. Reno: I didn't feel a minister belonged in the Communist Party. \* \* \* If a minister were identified as a member of the Communist Party, his use in the Communist Party at that time would have been nil. In my own words, an unemployed minister of the Communist Party has no value.

"Second, I felt ideologically the training for the ministry inevitably comes in conflict with the ideological training of the Communist, that if they did join they would inevitably come in conflict with it and, therefore, they would be of much more use not being members of the Communist Party than if they were members.

"Question: You mean use to the Communist Party?

"Mr. Reno: That's right.

"Question: I gather in your position as a functionary of the Communist Party it was your feeling you could put ministers to a much better use if they were not members of the party than if they became members of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Reno: That is correct."

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Mrs. Anita Bell Schneider, a native of California, appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in public hearings in June and July of 1955. She had served 17 months as a control-tower operator in the WAVES during 1944 and 1945; attended San Diego State Teachers College in the following few years, receiving a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics; worked for Deputy Sheriff Robert Newsom from February 1951 to August 1951, when she

became an undercover operative for the FBI. At their request she joined the Communist Party in the summer of 1951. Most of her Communist Party work was done in San Diego, some in Los Angeles and Sacramento and a little in Chicago. Her major party assignment was to become chairman of the San Diego Peace Forum. Other assignments included membership on the county central committee of the Independent Progressive Party; service as secretary of the State Independent Progressive Party Convention in Chicago in 1952; and as secretary of the women's division of the Independent Progressive Party.

In her testimony on June 27, 1955, Mrs. Schneider stated that the Communists, recognizing the universal desire for peace, felt that attaching the word "peace" to their efforts would aid in getting the use of churches to meet in, "we could involve other people and active church people. . ." She further testified that she had been given literature to take to the ministers of the two churches she attended in an effort to make them more active in the peace movement.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Secretary, we appreciate your coming here this morning.

**STATEMENT OF HON. DUDLEY C. SHARP, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (ACCOMPANIED BY MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS C. MUSGRAVE, JR., DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON; MAJOR GENERAL LLOYD P. HOPWOOD, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING; BRIG. GENERAL ROBERT F. BURNHAM, AIR PROVOST MARSHAL; COLONEL JOHN W. BAER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE; AND MAJOR LEE SECREST, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON)**

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Secretary, would you kindly give us, please, sir, just a word of your own personal background, with particular reference to your career in the military?

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir, I would be glad to do that.

I was in the NAVY during the war, during World War II, a large part of the time at sea, as an executive officer and commanding officer of antisubmarine warfare vessels.

Since that time my only connection with the services has been with the Air Force as Assistant Secretary for Materiel, beginning in October, 1955; as Under Secretary of the Air Force, beginning in August, 1959; and Secretary, as of December of 1959.

Mr. ARENS. If you could give us just a capsule-outline of your basic responsibilities and duties, please, sir.

Secretary SHARP. As Secretary of the Air Force do you mean?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir.

Secretary SHARP. Well, my responsibilities are to report to the Secretary of Defense on the activities of the Air Force and generally supervise the activities of the Air Force as they are directed by the Secretary of Defense.

Mr. ARENS. Now, Mr. Secretary, I have in my hand—and I see you have before you—a copy of Air Reserve Center Training Manual, Student Text, which has this identification "NR. 45-0050 Vol. 7,"

which is also entitled "Reserve Non-Commissioned Officer Course, Student Text, Continental Air Command."

May we start our interrogation, if you please, sir, by asking you when your attention was first directed to this manual, and by whom?

Secretary SHARP. Well, it was on Tuesday evening. I don't remember the date.

General HOPWOOD. 16th of February, Tuesday morning.

Secretary SHARP. The 16th of February; on Tuesday morning of the 16th of February it was brought to my attention by presentation of a copy of a letter from Mr. Wine—I think the letter was signed by—to the Secretary of Defense, with a copy sent to the Secretary of the Air Force. I received this copy on Tuesday morning.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you remember Mr. Wine's first name?

Colonel BAER. James.

Secretary SHARP. James.

The CHAIRMAN. According to this morning's newspaper, Mr. Wine is quoted as saying that he thinks subversives prepared the manual.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Secretary, prior to that time were you familiar with the contents of the manual concerning which we are directing your attention?

Secretary SHARP. No, I was not.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly tell us—

Mr. SCHERER. Pardon just a minute. Mr. Chairman, do we have a copy of the letter that was received by the Secretary of Defense?

Secretary SHARP. I don't believe I have that here.

Does anybody have a copy of this letter that was received?

Mr. SCHERER. Can you get us a copy of it for the record?

Secretary SHARP. We can get a copy for the record.

Mr. SCHERER. Mr. Chairman, I move that a copy of the letter be made a part of the record.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. It is understood a copy of the letter will be submitted to the committee and will be made a part of the record.

(The letter referred to follows:)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.

475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y., RIverside 9-2200

Rev. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President

Rev. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary

FEBRUARY 11, 1960.

The Honorable THOMAS S. GATES, Jr.  
Secretary of Defense  
Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: Enclosed is a copy of Air Reserve Center Training Manual, Student Text, NR. 45-0050, Increment 5, Volume 7 prepared, printed and distributed as indicated in the document itself.

We respectfully invite your attention to pages 15-13 to 15-20 of the document. Let me express surprise and indeed grave concern at these portions of the text.

The National Council of Churches vigorously protests that a service document prepared by an agency under the auspices of the United States Government contains edited material regarding the Christian churches in America.

The appearance of this material, in the circumstances, is a patent contravention of the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

To imply some relationship between the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible and Communism is insidious and absurd.

To aver by innuendo that the National Council of Churches is associated or in any way influenced by the Communist party is an example of irresponsibility at its worst. The adoption in the text as official Air Force statements of the opinion of prejudiced persons identified only on page four of the appendix; to wit, Circuit Riders Inc. pamphlet, "Apostate Clergymen Battle for God-Hating Communist China;" "The National Council of Churches Indicts Itself on 50 Counts of Treason to God and Country" is an incredible reflection upon the judgment and sense of responsibility of all those involved.

It is respectfully urged the document in question be immediately withdrawn and all copies which have been distributed be recalled.

We consider this entire matter to be of the most serious proportions and request a conference with you and such others as may have been involved so that we may have the complete explanation which we believe we are entitled to have.

I am sure you know that the National Council of Churches is the representative body of 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations of the United States. The interim national governing body, The General Board, of this organization meets on February 24 and 25 in Oklahoma City. For reasons which will surely be obvious to you I should like to discuss this matter prior to the meeting of the General Board so that my report to the General Board may cover the explanation and remedial action of the Department of Defense and Air Force.

I should be pleased to hear from you at your early convenience.

Most truly,

(Signed) JAMES WINE.  
JAMES WINE,  
*Associate General Secretary*

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Hon. Carl Vinson, Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Hon. Richard B. Russell  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services,  
US Senate

The CHAIRMAN. Go ahead.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Secretary, would you kindly tell us what action you took after you received this letter?

Secretary SHARP. I immediately started an investigation of the contents of the manual. I received a manual that day—and I don't remember the exact time—in which I read the excerpts which were referred to in Mr. Wine's letter to Secretary Gates, and I found that the manual had already been withdrawn for investigation on the 11th of February.

(At this point Representative Tuck entered the hearing room.)

Mr. ARENS. Who had caused that action to be consummated?

Secretary SHARP. I think General Hopwood.

Mr. ARENS. Tell us, please, sir, who is General Hopwood?

General HOPWOOD. I am General Hopwood, Director of Personnel Procurement and Training, on the staff of the United States Air Force.

Mr. ARENS. General, if it would not be an impropriety to yourself, would you kindly interrupt our theme here to tell us under what circumstances and when you caused the directive to be issued withdrawing this manual?

General HOPWOOD. I became aware of the manual on the morning of the 11th of February.

Mr. ARENS. By what device did you become aware of it?

General HOPWOOD. Two of my staff officers came to my office with the manual, and there were questions in three general categories that caused me to withdraw the manual for review. The first of these—

I would like to read, if I may, some of the statements.

Some of the statements introduced confusion and misinterpretation of Air Force policy and doctrine. This was fairly apparent in the latter portions of the manual.

We recognized that, although the Air Force is obliged to prepare its personnel, whoever they may be, to preserve their effectiveness and loyalty despite subversive pressures, the examples used in this manual appear to be in excess of these requirements and tend to infringe on prerogatives of other governmental agencies and national institutions.

We did want the time to verify and investigate these passages prior to the time that we had issued all the manuals and statements that would go in the text.

Mr. ARENS. Would you kindly tell us the nature of the directive which you issued?

General HOPWOOD. Yes, sir. The directive was telephonic, first to Headquarters, Continental Air Command, telling them to stop issue and to prepare to withdraw manuals that had been issued for further evaluation by appropriate representatives of the Air staff. This was confirmed in a message dispatched at approximately 11:00 o'clock on the morning of 11 February.

The CHAIRMAN. What was in the manual that caused you to take that action, item by item?

(At this point Representative Willis entered the hearing room.)

General HOPWOOD. I can illustrate the—

The CHAIRMAN. I don't want you to illustrate. I want you to tell me what was in the manual that caused you to have it withdrawn.

General HOPWOOD. In the first instance, we issued a 14-paragraph—page 14-13—about where we are talking about Communism in Religion—

The CHAIRMAN. 14-13?

Secretary SHARP. No. 15-14.

General HOPWOOD. Excuse me. 15-14, Communism in Religion. It begins on the bottom of that page and extends for several pages thereafter.

The CHAIRMAN. All right—

In its own brochure, the National Council of Churches listed the names of the Revision Committee and the Advisory Board.

Is that what you mean? Starting there?

Among these were Walter Russell Bowie of Grace Church, New York.

Is that it?

General HOPWOOD. The sentence which attracted my particular attention, sir, was the first paragraph, which says: "From a variety of authoritative sources—"

The CHAIRMAN. Where is that?

Mr. JACKSON. Right here.

The CHAIRMAN (reading):

From a variety of authoritative sources, there appears to be overwhelming evidence of Communist anti-religious activity in the United States through the infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions.

Is that it?

General HOPWOOD. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. What is wrong with that?

General HOPWOOD. There is not necessarily anything wrong, Mr. Chairman; but, because "a variety" was mentioned, because we had not had a chance to review, we felt we should not issue the manual.

The CHAIRMAN. Suppose it said "From several sources"?

General HOPWOOD. I think our reaction would have been the same.

The CHAIRMAN. Why? Why would you criticize that language "From a variety of authoritative sources"? What is wrong with that?

General HOPWOOD. I think——

The CHAIRMAN. It came from a variety of sources.

General HOPWOOD. This is true. Our decision was based on an analysis of what this noncommissioned officer needed to be trained to do. There are other passages I can refer to.

The CHAIRMAN. Wait a minute. Let's go right to that. "Should be trained to do." Isn't one of them recognizing his enemy when he sees one?

General HOPWOOD. This is true.

The CHAIRMAN. Why are you trying to prevent him? Why are you trying to prevent him from knowing who his enemy is?

General HOPWOOD. Because, pending an investigation, which we will still continue, we felt that the Air Force could accomplish certain objectives, perhaps, without citing specific examples which may or may not be required for the education and preparation of our military personnel.

Mr. ARENS. General, did you then, or do you now, repudiate the essence of this first paragraph which is to the effect that there has been infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions and attributed to authoritative sources?

General HOPWOOD. No, sir, I do not repudiate the validity of the sources.

My question is the propriety of this degree of specific information and the need for this amount of specific information to accomplish the training purpose for which the manual is written.

Mr. ARENS. General, you were cognizant at the time you issued your order to withdraw this manual and to have it reviewed—and I take it you are cognizant now—of the statements from authoritative sources, from such men as J. Edgar Hoover, from people of unquestioned integrity and ability and knowledge who testified before this committee, undercover agents of the FBI, similar testimony before other congressional bodies respecting infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions, were you not?

General HOPWOOD. Oh, yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Before we go into this, I think the record ought to show that the Secretary merely acted when he apologized—I put it abjectly. Was it?

Secretary SHARP. I didn't apologize abjectly.

The CHAIRMAN. Either you or Mr. Gates did. At any rate, the apology came as a result of the recommendation from the general.

You had no independent knowledge of this yourself, did you?

Secretary SHARP. No, sir.

I would have acted the same way. As a matter of fact, I was a little surprised that this action had been taken before I entered the case—let's call it the case—because I would have acted the same way as regards this paragraph; not the paragraph that has just been men-

tioned, but the subsequent paragraphs on page 15-14 of this Air Reserve Center Training Manual, indicating that—pointing their finger at any particular organizations in the churches. I felt that this sort of accusation was not necessary, from an Air Force standpoint, to warn its people that they must look in all organizations for Communist infiltration. I think that the Air Force should not enter into the controversy as to whether or not a particular organization or group is infiltrated by communism.

Certainly, unless this group is listed on the Attorney General's list of subversive activities, I feel that this is something we should keep ourselves clear of, and this is my objection.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Secretary, when you issued your press release repudiating the publication as representing the Air Force views, and issued your apology to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S., did you, by that act, mean to convey the impression that the Air Force was convinced that the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S. was not infiltrated by fellow-travelers?

Secretary SHARP. No, I did not intend to indicate any concurrence with this statement, or objection to the statement as to its validity. I felt simply that this kind of a statement should not be made in an Air Force publication.

Mr. ARENS. If the facts had been developed by investigators who had checked the records of the Committee on Un-American Activities and other authoritative sources, and if the facts did reveal that a very substantial number of the leadership of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S. had Communist-front records and were infiltrating in churches and educational institutions, would you nevertheless have repudiated the statements in the manual?

Secretary SHARP. I think I would; yes, sir, because I don't believe that this is a controversy in which the Air Force ought to indulge. I think this kind of a controversy is the prerogative of this committee and other activities in the United States, but not of the Air Force. I think we should warn our people that communism might be found in the churches, might be found in the schools, it might even be found in the armed services, it might be found in any organization; but I think to point our finger at any particular group who is not absolutely proven and on the list of un-American activities as published by the Attorney General, I feel unless these criteria are met we should not involve ourselves pointing our fingers at organizations.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Secretary, did you, in the course of the last few days, give assurance to the National Council of Churches people that remedial action would be taken with respect to Air Force Training Manual NR. 45-0050, which is a guide for security indoctrination?

Secretary SHARP. I don't remember making any such statement. I did write this letter to Mr. Wine. If you would like to have the contents of the letter that I wrote to Mr. Wine.

Mr. ARENS. Did you, in essence, assure Mr. Wine that there would be changes made in a second manual which has been developed, Guide for Security Indoctrination?

Secretary SHARP. The second manual—you mean now—which manual are you referring to now, sir?

Mr. ARENS. Air Force Manual 205-5, Guide for Security Indoctrination.



Secretary SHARP. I did not.

Mr. ARENS. Did anyone in the Air Force in position of authority give such assurance?

Secretary SHARP. I don't know of anyone having given any such assurance.

Mr. ARENS. I should like to invite your attention to the quotation attributed to Mr. Wine appearing in the Washington Evening Star, February 24, 1960:

Mr. Wine also said the Air Force has agreed to amend portions of a second manual objectionable to the council which served as primary source material for the reserve document. The second manual—205-5—is used now as a guide to security indoctrination.

Did anyone in the Air Force, to your knowledge, give such assurance to Mr. Wine?

Secretary SHARP. I don't know of anyone who gave such assurance. Do you know anyone?

General HOPWOOD. No.

Secretary SHARP. I might comment there that I read the manual 205-5 that you are referring to, and the portions of it that refer to communism in American churches and American schools. I do not find them objectionable. I think they are proper to have in a manual of this type.

Mr. ARENS. The essence then of manual 205-5 with respect to Communist infiltration in churches and in church groups is a tenet with which you are in accord?

Secretary SHARP. I am, yes.

Mr. ARENS. So the record may be absolutely clear, based upon the investigation of the investigators of the Air Force who have been working on these manuals and their reports to you, is it your position, sir, that the facts are that Communists and fellow-travelers are now, and have been in the past, infiltrating church groups, among other groups?

Secretary SHARP. I have heard that they have infiltrated church groups; I do not know whether this has been positively proven, but I certainly think we ought to warn our people that they would be in all probability—and I mean by "they" the Communists—would in all probability attempt to infiltrate church groups or schools or any important group in the United States which they could infiltrate.

Mr. ARENS. In manual, AF Manual 205-5 you say, in essence—or the manual says, in essence, does it not—that Communists are now infiltrating church groups or have infiltrated church groups?

May I invite your attention to page 53? I should like to read you a few sentences from Air Force Manual 205-5, which I understand you to concur in, and then we will discuss, if you please, sir, some of the statements.

On page 53 of Air Force Manual 205-5, the following appears, does it not sir?

A while back Americans were shocked to find that Communists had infiltrated our churches. It isn't so shocking though when you consider how the Communists are using Russian churches today. They want to do the same thing here. They want to teach the Soviet gospel from the pulpit.

The Communist Party, USA, has instructed many of its members to join churches and church groups, to take control whenever possible, and to influence the thoughts and actions of as many church-goers as they can.

Communists form front organizations especially to attract Americans with religious interests. The party tries to get leading church men to support Communist policies disguised as welfare work for minorities. Earl Browder, former head of the American Communist party, once admitted:

"By going among the religious masses, we are for the first time able to bring our anti-religious ideas to them."

Are there Communist ministers? Sure. The Communists have members in just about every profession in our country. Of course no clergyman admits he is a Communist when he is one (he is required to keep his membership a secret), but he still does Communist work. The House Un-American Activities Committee lists two Communist ministers—the Rev. Claude C. Williams, a former Presbyterian whose congregation kicked him out for party activities, and the Rev. Eliot White, retired Episcopalian who served as a delegate to a Communist convention and lectured at Communist meetings.

As to whether Communist ministers are a real danger, let's turn to a statement by former President Herbert Hoover:

"I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism."

Communists try everything when it comes to churches. They sneak disguised propaganda into church bulletins. They send Communists around to lecture church groups. The head of the Communist Party once spoke at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and the legislative secretary of the party addressed a conference of 100 ministers in Washington, D. C. The Communists order their younger members into youth groups where they can spread atheism and recruit new Communists. Atheism, Communist-style, is also spread through various organizations like the People's Institute of Applied Religion, which teaches Communist ideas under the disguise that they are Christian teachings.

Again, to stop Communists, *we must be careful not to attack the majority of faithful ministers and church-goers.* We must merely search out those who back Moscow right down the line. We can do this, first, by understanding and supporting the teachings of our own religions to the hilt; then, by getting rid of those who try to pass off Communist ideas as substitutes for what we know are true religious teachings.

I have read you the pertinent paragraphs of Air Force Manual 205-5 concerning which Mr. Wine is quoted in the Washington Evening Star of February 24, as saying that the Air Force has agreed to amend portions which are objectionable.

Am I correct in my interpretation of your testimony that neither you nor anyone to your knowledge in official position in the Air Force has given Mr. Wine the assurance which is attributed to him in the press?

Secretary SHARP. Certainly I have not. I do not know of anyone who has.

Mr. ARENS. Am I likewise, and is the record likewise, clear that you, sir, based upon the information which has been made available to you by your subordinates, concur in the language which I have just read to you in Air Force Manual 205-5?

Secretary SHARP. I would say that I certainly agree with the assumption that the Communist Party would obviously in its activities attempt to infiltrate the churches as outlined here.

I must say that I have not investigated the two individuals referred to by name in these paragraphs which you have read as to whether or not they have actually been proven to be guilty of the charges outlined.

Mr. SCHERER. The counsel in reading from the manual merely stated that those two are listed by this committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Among others.

Mr. SCHERER. Among others.

Mr. ARENS. I would like to ask permission of the chairman to back up a bit in the manual because there are two other items in this main manual which precede the matter which we are talking about now. I would like, if you please, Mr. Chairman, to ask him about those.

The CHAIRMAN. Before you do that, I think we ought to go over the contents of this manual.

Mr. ARENS. That is what I meant, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. That is at the bottom of 15-14:

In its own brochure, the National Council of Churches listed the names of the Revision Committee and the Advisory Board. Among these were Walter Russell Bowie of Grace Church, New York.

Do you know anything about him, Mr. Secretary?

Secretary SHARP. No, I don't.

The CHAIRMAN. Go ahead.

Mr. ARENS. Does the Air Force to your knowledge maintain a liaison with the congressional committees investigating communism?

Secretary SHARP. I don't know whether they do or not. No, sir; I don't know that. I don't know.

Mr. ARENS. Do you know, sir, that the information of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee is available on a liaison basis to the military?

Secretary SHARP. I am sure it is.

Mr. ARENS. I announce to you without any sense of criticism that that information is from time to time readily made available to the military upon their request to the committee.

Mr. SCHERER. Are such requests made? Do you know that?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir.

Mr. Secretary, you are cognizant, of course, of the fact that all of the information of the Federal Bureau of Investigation respecting Communists and Communist infiltration is available to the Air Force?

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Secretary, the chairman stated in his opening remarks that at least a dozen persons who have been identified before this committee by competent witnesses under oath as Communists also profess or have professed to be members of the clergy. Do you have any information which would dispute that, or any reason to doubt that?

Secretary SHARP. No. You mean to doubt the fact?

Mr. ARENS. To doubt the validity of that statement?

Secretary SHARP. Of that statement?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir.

Secretary SHARP. That certain witnesses testified against other witnesses to the effect that they were members of a Communist organization?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir.

Secretary SHARP. No, sir. If that was the statement of this committee I have no reason to doubt it.

Mr. ARENS. Did your statement of repudiation of the Air Force manual in any sense mean a repudiation of the validity or the integrity of the statements attributed to committee sources by the author of the manual?

Secretary SHARP. I have no reason to doubt that they were authentic, although, actually, I have not checked in detail to find whether the statements were accurate.

Mr. ARENS. Did you, in your statement of repudiation, intend a repudiation of the integrity, validity, or accuracy of the testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities which is quoted in this manual?

Secretary SHARP. No, sir. If it is properly quoted, I certainly did not intend such a repudiation.

Mr. ARENS. May I, if you please, Mr. Chairman, ask about two things that precede this and then proceed to some specifics?

The CHAIRMAN. Before you do that I think we ought to go to the section that the Secretary has found objectionable.

"Not only were these men—" and mentioning the names of people in the document—"Walter Russell Bowie with a total of 29—" Communist fronts—"Henry J. Cadbury and George Dahl, 13"—

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, would you pardon an interruption on that?

We have checked our records very carefully since this manual has been produced, and I have the latest statistics on each of these men that I would be glad to read into the record. In many instances, it is more.

The CHAIRMAN. This is an understatement.

Mr. ARENS. A complete understatement.

The CHAIRMAN. This is an understatement of their Communist affiliation?

Mr. ARENS. Would you care to have me give those?

The CHAIRMAN. You go ahead and do that.

Mr. ARENS. May I first say, Mr. Chairman, in view of the Secretary's repudiation of the information conveyed respecting the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, the chairman issued a statement to the effect that the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America had hundreds or at least over 100 affiliations with Communist fronts and causes. Since then we have made careful, but yet incomplete checks, and it is a complete understatement. Thus far of the leadership of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, we have found over 100 persons in leadership capacity with either Communist-front records or records of service to Communist causes. The aggregate affiliations of the leadership, instead of being in the hundreds, as the chairman first indicated, is now, according to our latest count, into the thousands, and we have yet to complete our check, which would certainly suggest, on the basis of the authoritative sources of this committee, that the statement that there is infiltration of fellow-travelers in churches and educational institutions is a complete understatement.

Now, with reference to the people whose names are specified, on 15-14 the first is Walter Russell Bowie whose name appears on 15-14. Our records thus far, and we have only made an examination of the most available information, is that he has had over 33 affiliations with Communist fronts and causes; that Henry J. Cadbury has had a total of not less than nine, which we have been able to confirm—the manual says 13—that George Dahl, concerning whom the

manual says had 13 affiliations, we have thus far verified not 13 but 18. With reference to Leroy Waterman, we have thus far identified and verified 20 connections with Communist fronts or causes. With reference to Fleming James, we have thus far verified a total of 25.

The CHAIRMAN. Who are these people? Are they connected with the National Council?

Mr. ARENS. These are persons, most of whom are connected with the National Council of Churches in some capacity.

The CHAIRMAN. It was their representative who complained about this manual; is that it? Wine?

Mr. ARENS. That is correct.

On the next succeeding page, Mr. Secretary, you see the reference there to Dr. Harry F. Ward as being a person who has been identified as a member of the Communist Party.

Did your repudiation of the Air Force Training Manual and your apology to the National Council of Churches carry with it an intention on your part to deny the validity or integrity of the records of this committee showing that Dr. Harry F. Ward has been identified as being a member of the Communist Party?

Secretary SHARP. No, sir. It did not intend to either deny or affirm the fact that this committee's records were accurate or not accurate. I simply felt and still feel that while it is the duty of this committee to investigate these matters pertaining to individuals and particular groups, whether religious or otherwise, that it is not in the best interests of the Air Force to point out specific organizations or specific people, who it is claimed by this committee or are connected with Communist fronts.

Mr. ARENS. Did you at any time in the course of your public statements or press releases make it clear that you were not repudiating the authenticity, validity, or integrity of the records of this committee or of the records of the FBI or of the other source material?

Secretary SHARP. No, I did not, sir.

Mr. ARENS. You are doing that now; is that correct?

Secretary SHARP. I only stated that this was not an Air Force position; that we repudiated this as an Air Force position. It might well be the position of this committee or the position of the FBI, but it was my feeling that the Air Force should not establish a position of this kind as to any particular individuals who were not specifically listed on the Attorney General's list of un-American activities.

Mr. ARENS. Am I absolutely clear, and is the record clear, that you are not now nor did you at any time intend a repudiation of the validity of the material attributed to this committee, attributed to the FBI or other intelligence agencies, which is quoted in here respecting Communist infiltration in churches and infiltration by fellow-travelers in church groups?

Secretary SHARP. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Secretary, would it not have been sufficient to have withdrawn this manual without apologizing to people who have been in prominent active places in their organization, people whose object is to destroy the Government of the United States, belonging to organizations which have that as their objective?

Would it not have been adequate to have withdrawn this manual?

I just had occasion to read the statement by the Secretary of Defense, whom I admire very much. I do not know why he would say such a thing:

"In response to the letter of the National Council of Churches of Christ of the United States"—a response to a letter, nothing else—"I have assured this fine organization of my very genuine regrets regarding the statement that appeared in Air Force Reserve Manual," and so on.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, I would say in connection with that, and I subscribe thoroughly, I think such a statement as was made by the Secretary of Defense, whom I also admire very greatly, has done great harm to the already difficult task that confronts this committee, the committee on the other side, and the Attorney General. Actually, the effect of the action taken by the Air Force, Mr. Secretary, was to tell 180 million people in this country by the retraction of the manual that the Air Force did not believe the statements made.

The effect of this repudiation handled in the way it was and coupled with an apology to individuals who, as the chairman has said, have hundreds of Communist-front affiliations has been to hurt our work.

Secretary SHARP. Mr. Jackson, I think it is very unfortunate if that is the impression we gave.

I would like to read—

Mr. SCHERER. May I say, Mr. Secretary, that the mail that I am getting from my district and from other places in the United States indicates that that is what the effect of that statement has been insofar as the public is concerned.

Mr. DOYLE. May I state at that point that my mail is such that it indicates that the work of this committee in the minds of the people out West who have read the newspaper reports—that the work of this committee is discredited as a result of the unfortunate apology and letter by the Secretary—without further explanation as to why.

The CHAIRMAN. You may call it unfortunate. I call it stupid.

Secretary SHARP. I wonder if I might read into the record the letter that I wrote to Mr. James Wine, associate general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States:

475 Riverside Drive,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Wine:

This letter is to confirm our conversation of yesterday and again assure to you that the Air Force does not condone the publication of material such as that contained in the CONAC training manual about which you wrote Secretary Gates. The manual has been withdrawn and action is being taken to prevent recurrence of issuance of such material.

The CHAIRMAN. Why did you do that? Don't you want the non-commissioned officers to know who these people are?

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir. But I think it is a dangerous thing for the Air Force to delve into the areas that this committee should delve into. I think that we should leave that to this committee by simply making a statement that there is danger in the infiltration in the areas of the churches and of the schools and of others, almost every group in our country.

Mr. SCHERER. The Air Force is not delving into it. The Air Force manual is merely reporting what has already been found to exist by various congressional committees, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other security agencies.

Mr. JOHANSEN. Mr. Secretary, the thing that I cannot reconcile is this: I understand, according to your testimony here this morning, you have no objection, apparently, to generalizations with regard to the fact that there is infiltration and that there is a continuing threat of infiltration. What you state now to this committee is that you object to specifics.

Secretary SHARP. That is correct.

Mr. JOHANSEN. I cannot understand from the portion of the letter to Mr. Wine that you quoted that you make any such distinction at all. It seems to me that you are repudiating both the general and the specific statements and, in other words, it seems to me your repudiation to Mr. Wine is quite different and much more sweeping than your statement and your distinction that you draw here before the committee.

Secretary SHARP. No, sir—

The CHAIRMAN. Did you ever deny the truth about it?

Secretary SHARP. In my meeting with Mr. Wine I made it quite clear that what I was objecting to in the Air Force manual was the fact that it was pointing its finger at a particular group or a particular organization but which did not appear on this list.

Mr. JOHANSEN. If the manual makes the generalized assertion, isn't the Air Force open to challenge to support that generalization with specifics? And yet you repudiate any reference to specifics. How can you justify the generalization without relating it to specifics, particularly if it is under a challenge?

Secretary SHARP. I think in that case what we should do is refer to the testimony of this committee but not publish this testimony gratis. Some of these quotations might have been taken out of context. It is very difficult to know how many of them are provable in court or accepted as adequate proof by the Attorney General in his statement of people involved in un-American activities or organizations which are involved in un-American activities.

I don't think it is the business of the Air Force to indicate which of these bits of evidence or perhaps they are conclusive evidence—I don't know—which have been brought before this fine committee.

The CHAIRMAN. We will concede that. But then when you wanted to correct what is not in conformity with your idea, why did you go way out of your way to apologize?

Secretary SHARP. I don't think we apologized. I simply think this is not what we like to have in our manual. There is certainly nothing in this letter that indicates we are apologizing. I am simply saying we do not condone the publication of this kind of controversial detailed material in our training manual.

Mr. JOHANSEN. Are the statements that appeared in 205-5 under challenge or have they been under challenge from this same source?

Secretary SHARP. They apparently are now; yes, sir. They have never been under challenge directly to me.

Mr. JOHANSEN. In other words, what Mr. Wine and those of his mind want is the avoidance of any reference to the fact of infiltration or attempted infiltration of the religious groups.

Secretary SHARP. I have read indications of that attitude in the newspapers. I have never received a direct communication from Mr. Wine.

Mr. JOHANSEN. Are you prepared to resist that sort of demand?

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir; I am.

The CHAIRMAN. Did Mr. Wine ever deny the statements contained in the manual?

Secretary SHARP. No, he didn't.

Mr. WILLIS. May I ask a question?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, Mr. Willis.

Mr. WILLIS. What puzzles me is the letter that you read and it is this: Why did you stop so abruptly? And I am just wondering why couldn't you have gone as far as you are going today in adding a sentence: "We do not mean to imply that there is no infiltration in church or other groups or question the accuracy of the reference material. We simply do not want to take sides with you or the reference material, but we simply prefer not to have it in there."

You have left a wide impression that you are taking sides, and that what is in there is inaccurate.

Secretary SHARP. I think that undoubtedly—

Mr. WILLIS. It is a black eye on this committee, ultimately, or will certainly be made so.

Secretary SHARP. We certainly did not intend any aspersions on this committee. I am sorry that I did not go into more detail in this letter. There is no question about that, because that was my opinion at the time, and I certainly expressed it that way. There was no doubt about that.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Sharp, this is the thing that disturbs all of us:

In your statement to the press, the very first thing you said was:

"Secretary Sharp categorically repudiated the publication as representing the Air Force views."

Now the segment of the left-wing press and others that want to look at things in certain ways did not go further than to just pick out the words "categorically repudiated the publication."

Secretary SHARP. Whether I made that statement in exactly those words, I meant to say, certainly, that we repudiate these as Air Force views because I feel that in going into this kind of detail the Air Force was getting into areas which it should not be in, and we should—I feel that it is better stated that it was ill-advised and ill-considered for the Air Force to include these things in its training manual, which was what was intended.

The CHAIRMAN. You saw the statement made by the Secretary, didn't you?

Secretary SHARP. I had seen it; yes, sir.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, going back to the matter of naming the National Council of Churches by name and following that with some additional information, I am trying to place myself in the position of an instructor in this subject.

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir.

Mr. JACKSON. I have given military instruction, Mr. Secretary.

As to a general subject "communism in religion," the statement is made categorically that from a variety of authoritative sources there has been infiltration of some churches and church groups. One of



the men attending a class using a manual may say, "How do I know that? Tell me more about it."

You are asking him to take, on faith, a very serious statement, and precluding him from asking any questions to the point.

Secretary SHARP. I would think, then, you would suggest, if he wanted to go further into the matter, that he should request a copy of the hearings of this committee and reports of this committee and the great deal of evidence.

Mr. JACKSON. I think that is the long way around the barn. He is in a class. He is being taught. He is being given instruction, and categorical statements are made. I don't think we should require the individual enlisted man to run around Capitol Hill to get a variety of hearings so that he can probe further into the matter.

The CHAIRMAN. If he could find Capitol Hill.

Mr. JACKSON. It seems to me that, having made that statement, it is absolutely necessary to give some substantiation to it in the textbook, the letter and text.

Mr. JOHANSEN. At least in terms of source material.

Mr. SCHERER. All through this manual, Mr. Secretary, you refer to other organizations, you name them specifically, you point out which are Communist-front organizations. You refer by name to individuals who have participated in Communist activities.

I call your attention to page 15-4 where you name: The Abraham Lincoln Brigade, American Youth for Democracy, The League of American Writers, American Patriots, Inc., and about five or six others.

I doubt whether the Air Force would be in a position to prove in court that these are Communist-dominated and controlled organizations. Yet you have no hesitancy in naming these.

Secretary SHARP. I think we should have great hesitancy in naming these unless they are listed as subversive organizations.

I don't think the Air Force ought to be in a position of offering as such fact any specific organization because this is not our business.

I think that we can, certainly, list those organizations, if we wish, that are listed specifically by the Attorney General as subversive organizations, but I don't think that the Air Force should point its finger at any organization in an official publication that it cannot prove.

Mr. SCHERER. Just hurriedly glancing through this manual——

The CHAIRMAN. Wait a minute.

This does not charge the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S. as being a proscribed organization at all. It merely states that of the 95 persons who served in the project which they sponsored, 30 have been affiliated with pro-Communist fronts, projects, and publications.

I think that is a great example to show a youngster.

I, too, taught in military schools, in the Navy; naval aviation actually. And I know that the only way to make these kids understand is to give them an example of something.

Here you are not charging this National Council with anything. I think you are depriving people who ought to know just exactly how these enemies of ours operate, just what kind of a cloak they get behind.

If you do not put it in your new manual, then you are depriving them of something they ought to know.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, we have two other areas of inquiry, if you please, sir.

Mr. Secretary, beginning on page 15-3 of the manual there is language which I have to characterize or talk about, and then I will read.

The public press has carried in its stories respecting the manual, language which intimates that the authors of the manual feel that Americans don't have a right to know what is going on in general. I would like to read the entire two or three paragraphs to you, and then we will talk about it, if you please, sir.

Secretary SHARP. All right.

The CHAIRMAN. At the bottom of the page?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir.

When a newspaper prints some so-called secret data, it merely means that the Government no longer considers that particular data secret—it does not mean we have no secrets left. Or it could mean that clever newspapermen took pieces of unclassified information which they were authorized to have, put them together, and came up with the right answer. However, because such accounts may have given the correct information does not mean that the information is no longer classified. Newspapers are not official—and until the Government declassifies security information, it remains classified.

Another rather foolish remark often heard is that Americans have a right to know what's going on. Most people realize the foolhardiness of such a suggestion. If a football team should start telling the other side the plays it planned to use, their opponents would sweep them off the field. It's the same in war—hot or cold; if we tell our secrets, we are likely to be beaten, and beaten badly.

Mr. Secretary, the whole import of that language is that the military is entitled to protect secrets, is it not?

Secretary SHARP. Yes, I would think so; yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. It is not intended, as you read the two paragraphs in entire context, to convey the impression that the American people as such are not entitled to know in general what is going on; isn't that correct?

Secretary SHARP. That certainly is correct; yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Is it your impression, sir, that there has been conveyed a misinterpretation of the essence of this language because it was conveyed out of context?

Secretary SHARP. I certainly would agree with that; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. May I ask just one more question. I think this is of greatest importance.

Will this information, this material that Mr. Arens just read, be contained in the new revised issue?

Secretary SHARP. I would hope that the substance of it would be contained. I would personally have changed the words of the first sentence in such a way that they could not be taken out of context, and I think there was unfortunate wording that lent itself to that sort of thing. I think it was even unfortunate that from the manual 205-5, where they discuss the same thing in the first sentence, two words were in it which were not in this new manual.

Mr. JACKSON. What is the page number on that?

Secretary SHARP. That is page 82 in the old manual, and 15-4 in the new one.

You will notice on page 82 of the manual 205-5, at the bottom of the page, the first sentence of the last paragraph reads, "Another rather silly remark often heard concerning security is that Americans have a right to know what's going on."

Mr. ARENS. The only reasonable interpretation on that is that the author of the manual is trying to say, is he not, that we cannot let secrets, defense secrets or intelligence secrets, be available to the public because the enemy would catch them? Isn't that correct?

Secretary SHARP. I am sorry. I missed that.

Mr. ARENS. I was just saying, sir, that the only reasonable interpretation of that language, when it is read in complete context, is that we cannot make available, the Government cannot make available military secrets or intelligence secrets to the public at large because, of course, the enemy would then get them. Isn't that correct?

Secretary SHARP. I think that is perfectly clear; yes, sir. If you read the whole paragraph—

Mr. JACKSON. When taken in its proper context.

Secretary SHARP. I think it was unfortunate that they left out the words "concerning security," those two words in the quotation of the same paragraph in the training manual, the Air Reserve Center Training Manual, which was a later publication.

The CHAIRMAN. Concerning security only?

Secretary SHARP. I mean that would clarify what they are talking about. It is security matters.

The CHAIRMAN. Oh, yes.

Secretary SHARP. It would have been better if they had left those words in.

Mr. ARENS. But in the manual they speak of secrets, do they not?

Secretary SHARP. Oh, yes.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, if it meets with your approval, I would like to inquire respecting another item in the manual.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Secretary, on page 15-6 there are two paragraphs where I suggest we probably have the same situation, namely, where there has been conveyed to the American people a wrong impression respecting the contents of the manual because certain language was taken, again, out of context.

I should like to read to you two paragraphs:

At this point it may be well to make some separation between real subversives and the disaffected and chronic complainers. Subversion is willful activity against the United States, punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Disaffection is a lack of loyalty or affection for the United States not accompanied by action and isn't a crime. Chronic complaining is only grumbling, and is not directed at the United States but rather at specific persons or activities. Often the complainer works harder than anyone else, and finds in complaining a sort of nervous escape valve, such as, "I do all the work around here; why don't you guys help out sometime?" However, if you suspect an individual of deliberate subversion, report him, of course; but try to be sure he isn't just disaffected or a complainer.

If you do know of a disaffected person, nevertheless, he will bear watching.

Mr. Secretary, in the public press I saw an interpretation to the effect that the reader of this manual is admonished by its author to watch disaffected persons because they may be subversive.

It is true, is it not, Mr. Secretary, when we read the entire two paragraphs in complete context that the author of the manual is trying to

make a complete distinction between a deliberate subversive and one who is only a complainer on the other hand?

Secretary SHARP. It certainly seems that way to me; yes, sir.

Mr. ARENS. Do you agree with the interpretation which I suggest, namely, that there has been conveyed a wrong impression respecting the contents of the manual on this score because certain language was taken out of context?

Secretary SHARP. That certainly is my impression; yes, sir.

Mr. SCHERER. May I ask a question?

Has the Air Force or the Department of Defense in any way complained or made a statement publicly that this charge about "right to know" was taken out of context? Have you tried to explain the full import of this part of the text?

Secretary SHARP. I don't think we have.

Mr. SCHERER. Don't you think you should do that?

Secretary SHARP. I think we should; yes, sir.

Mr. MOULDER. Mr. Secretary, when was the manual first printed containing the statement that the National Council of Churches objected to?

Secretary SHARP. Air Reserve Center Training Manual was issued, as I understand it, on January 4, 1960. It was the one that they objected to first.

If you are speaking of the Air Force manual, which is—

I want to point out this is an Air Reserve training manual, and the other one referred to is 205-5, which is an Air Force manual. An Air Force manual is an approved Headquarters Manual—Headquarters, Air Force. It applies to more than one command whereas manuals applying to only one command—and this Air Reserve Center Training Manual applied only to the Continental Air Command—are not referred to as Air Force manuals, and do not receive the same kind of supervision at Headquarters, United States Air Force.

Mr. MOULDER. In the beginning of your testimony you made some reference to the conclusion that it was not within the prerogative of the functions of the Air Force to investigate communism in churches.

These manuals are not instructions or directions to investigate, are they? They are really in the nature of an educational or information carried on and given to the members of the Air Force. Isn't that correct?

Secretary SHARP. I think they are simply—

In talking largely about security, this earlier manual 205-5 is a guide for security indoctrination for the Department of the Air Force, and is simply to point out, while we must look everywhere for Communists' infiltration—

Mr. MOULDER. Is it your plan to revise the manuals or have they been revised?

Secretary SHARP. We are having a revision of this Air Force manual 205-5 prepared. This was ordered some time ago.

Is that right, General Hopwood?

Not as a result of this investigation simply, because this manual was published in 1955 and we felt it should be brought up to date.

Mr. MOULDER. In the process of doing that will you confer with the Committee on Un-American Activities and the Internal Security.

Subcommittee and the Attorney General's office and the FBI for any information which you may wish to use in the manual?

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir. I would hope we would, to be sure it is authentic.

This Air Reserve Center Training Manual of the Continental Air Command has been withdrawn from distribution for restudy.

Mr. WILLIS. When was that report issued?

Secretary SHARP. What was that?

Mr. WILLIS. When was that report issued? Was that issued?

Secretary SHARP. It was issued January 4, this year.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there anything in this manual that links churches, as such, with communism?

Secretary SHARP. I don't think so. I don't know exactly what you mean by link.

It means it can be used—

The CHAIRMAN. Members of various churches.

Secretary SHARP. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Secretary SHARP. It can be used—

The CHAIRMAN. I am looking now at an article that appeared in the press this morning concerning a resolution purportedly adopted by the General Board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. which convened in Oklahoma City. The resolution stated that the Air Force had violated the guarantee of "the free exercise of religion" contained in the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

This is the sort of thing this "fine" organization is capable of. There is nothing in this manual, is there, that indicates an interference with the free exercise of religion?

Mr. JOHANSEN. In that connection, Mr. Secretary, have you yet received a copy of that resolution adopted in Oklahoma City this week by the General Board of the National Council of Churches?

Secretary SHARP. I have not received a copy of it. I only know of it from what I read in the paper this morning, which the chairman just read from.

Mr. JOHANSEN. I direct the Secretary's attention to this paragraph 3 of the resolution as quoted in the press this morning:

Resolved: That the General Board of the National Council of Churches:

(3) Insists that the material contained in Air Force Manual 205—5 "Guide to Security Indoctrination" dated 1955, which is considered equally objectionable, be deleted and that a full explanation of all matters incidental to the appearance of such material in these manuals be made public at the earliest possible moment \* \* \*.

I think that is a clear notice to you that this General Board expects to exercise censorship control over what appears in this manual, and I think the department ought to be on clear notice that that is the intent of this General Board.

And it is my personal judgment that that ought to be resisted, and resisted completely, and that the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Air Force and all other parties concerned ought to be aware of the pressures and of the apparent end purpose that they have in mind, and, without meaning to be critical, at least not to be naive as to

what their intention is. That intention, as I see it, is to control and censor the facts about Communist activity in this country, whether it is in general terms, that you say is proper, or in specific terms, the expediency of which you question.

Secretary SHARP. I read that quoted minute, I guess they were called, of this meeting this organization had in Oklahoma recently, and I was disturbed, too, by the implications that appeared there.

I feel very strongly that we have a right and duty to educate our people as to the dangers of communism so that they can be on guard against it all the time.

Mr. JOHANSEN. Wherever manifest; wherever those dangers are manifest.

Secretary SHARP. Apparently there is some difference of opinion as to how far it is appropriate for the Air Force to go in this area.

Mr. JOHANSEN. I do not think there is any difference of opinion on the part of the authors of this resolution. Any mention of communism or Communist infiltration or attempts in the religious field is, by this dictum, to be taboo completely.

Secretary SHARP. If that is a correct statement it would indicate that; yes, sir.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Secretary, in the revised edition of this particular manual, is it contemplated that the material relative to communism in religion is going to come out of the revised manual? Is any mention at all going to be in the new manual with respect to the efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate into church institutions?

Secretary SHARP. I would hope so; yes, sir.

Mr. JACKSON. I would think it would be a dismal retreat from the facts of life if it is not pointed out that these efforts are going on.

The Communist Party is not stupid and, obviously, would not neglect as important a field in our national life as churches.

Within the last month, here in the city of Washington, in a Methodist church, a former president of the National Council of Churches sat in a forum discussion with an identified agent of the Communist Party, one who was convicted of contempt of Congress, whose appeal was recently turned down, and who is probably going to jail. This was not a matter in which the church individuals involved had no knowledge of the nature of the meeting, because for weeks it had been discussed in the press.

One Baptist church in the District—and I hope Heaven will look kindly on the minister of that church—refused to let the group use his church for that purpose when the nature of the meeting became apparent and when it was made known that an identified, convicted Communist was going to be on the platform with high church officials.

I would hope that in this revised manual it will again be pointed out very clearly that there is a continuing effort to infiltrate the churches of this country.

Secretary SHARP. I would say that if it were not in the manual, we would be very derelict in our duty to inform our people.

Mr. JACKSON. I would look forward to seeing the manual when it comes out because the same thing that pertains to churches pertains to some of the schools of this country.

Secretary SHARP. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Arens, do you have any more?

Mr. ARENS. Mr. Chairman, may I inquire, as the chairman knows, in your discussion with me, there is another item on which we could interrogate the Secretary. It is not germane to the manual as such. May I inquire whether or not the chairman wants to get into it now?

The CHAIRMAN. On the security field?

Mr. ARENS. Yes, sir. It is a question for your own determination if you want to get into that now.

The CHAIRMAN. This is off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. DOYLE. I would suggest that the new manual should direct the attention of the Air Force personnel further than to churches and schools.

Mr. JACKSON. I did not mean to so limit it.

Mr. DOYLE. Directed to all and any organizations, such as labor unions or others. Do not limit it to churches and schools. That is my suggestion.

I call your attention to the statement by our chairman in his preliminary statement with reference to the Department of Defense seminar.

I had the privilege of being there at least a few hours as a guest of one of my distinguished reserve officers from California. I saw the manual used there. It may be that our library has that manual. I do not know. But if it does not, Mr. Chairman, our library ought to have a copy of that Department of Defense manual which goes exhaustively into this very subject of the Communist attack.

It seems to me that with the Department of Defense bringing some 200 more or less reserve officers from all over the Nation to attend that seminar there in order to indoctrinate them with the danger of communism and to emphasize that the Department of Defense personnel must be aware of that as another battlefield, it just seems too bad that this incident would come up after you spent thousands of dollars to bring men from all over the Nation to indoctrinate your very personnel to the danger of communism, then to be caught in this situation where the authoritative sources in this field on the Hill and the FBI and the Attorney General's list are more or less ridiculed.

I want to call to your attention, Mr. Secretary, an item that appeared in the morning paper, to show you one reason why I make the statement about the effect of this incident on this function with this particular committee, and I want to ask you one question:

Here it is, referring to the fact of your appearance and being scheduled to tell the House Un-American Activities Committee why you withdrew the training manual and ordered the security guide revised.

Notice this, and this news item goes all over our Nation, by the Associated Press:

Much of the material in both publications—  
that is both your publications that we are discussing—  
was based upon information compiled by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

So nationwide this committee is getting a kick and a cussin' from its enemies and from those who don't know the facts.

Now, one thing more——

The CHAIRMAN. We do not object to that, but we do not like it coming from people we think are on the same team. That is the thing we object to.

Mr. DOYLE. One thing more.

I noticed you several times referred to the Attorney General's list as an accredited list in your judgment. Is that correct?

Are you willing to take the appraisal of the Attorney General's list for your authority in the new manual, for instance, as to their publication?

Secretary SHARP. I always thought that that was an accredited list of organizations in which——

Mr. DOYLE. I am not inferring it is not. I noticed you relied upon it, apparently inferentially, at least, and you are willing to rely upon it.

Secretary SHARP. I would think that any organization that might not be on that list, it might be such a controversial issue that it would not be wise for the Air Force to enter into a criticism of that organization.

Mr. DOYLE. Then you are not willing to rely on any Government list or conclusion if you are not willing to rely on that.

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir. I am willing to rely on that. I think we would point at that list as being pretty conclusive evidence or quite conclusive evidence that these organizations are subversive.

Mr. DOYLE. All right. Thank you.

Mr. WILLIS. Mr. Secretary, I would like to make this statement and ask you a question:

When we look into defense contracts we are accused of investigating labor unions, and when we find some Communists in colleges we are investigating schools. Recently we looked into the youth movement and we were accused of investigating youth. But at the same time on the basis of your advice, because we rely on the military, and we spend between \$40 billion and \$50 billion a year for defending somebody against someone. I am under the impression that is the Communists.

We are in a bad fix, aren't we, both you and we.

Secretary SHARP. We have a battle on our hands, if that is what you mean.

The CHAIRMAN. Governor Tuck?

Mr. TUCK. I have no questions.

Mr. JACKSON. Just to summarize the position and get this absolutely clear on the record: in the repudiation of the material in question, the Air Force was taking the position that they should not designate by name, organizations or individuals who might be subversive in nature.

It was not, however, the intent of the Department of the Air Force to bring into question in any way the sources upon which the writer of the pamphlet drew. I think this is very important in order to correct a widespread impression that, by repudiation and apology, the Department of the Air Force was saying in effect that this is a lot of tommyrot.

This was not the position that you took, Mr. Secretary, in your action respecting this manual.

Secretary SHARP. It was not, and I agree with your statement, and in all probability we should do something in the way of a statement to clarify this position.



Mr. JACKSON. I think it would be very helpful to all concerned. It would clear the atmosphere a great deal if something along this line could be done.

Mr. WILLIS. Mr. Jackson, may I say that is exactly what I meant to convey a while ago, that his letter stopped in such an abrupt fashion that, unfortunately, a wrong impression was left.

Mr. JACKSON. Now an excellent opportunity to do this might be upon receipt of the resolution from the National Council of Churches when it comes to your attention.

Secretary SHARP. Surely.

Mr. JACKSON. One more brief question.

Is any action contemplated, disciplinary or in reprisal, against Mr. Hyde who was responsible, so I understand, for writing this material?

Secretary SHARP. This matter has not been finally decided yet. I think that people who do not follow their instructions—and it might appear that Mr. Hyde had not—should be certainly reprimanded, if that is the case.

Now it is my understanding—we are investigating this matter—that certain outlines were sent from the Continental Air Command to the Air Training Command on which to write this manual, and that it appears that the outlines were not followed. And it appears, in my opinion, that certain bad judgment was used in what was put into the manual.

Mr. JACKSON. I think this points up another important aspect of this matter. It certainly does to me.

I would like to see what guidelines were laid down to the man or men who authored this manual.

The CHAIRMAN. Where are the guidelines?

Secretary SHARP. I would think that I can produce them.

The CHAIRMAN. I would like to have them right away.

Let me tell you something: If you so much as say "Naughty boy" to this group of people who are far more expert than you are, it will blow that up out of all proportion. They will have him shot at sunrise, figuratively speaking, for telling the truth.

Mr. JACKSON. Furthermore, some sort of ruckus will break loose on the floor of the House of Representatives. This I can assure you, Mr. Secretary, unless there has been a violation of direct and explicit instructions—that is an entirely different matter—

Secretary SHARP. These are the things we are deciding now and trying to get the facts.

Mr. JACKSON. If there were enough flexibility in these general directives which conceivably could have led the man or the men responsible for this material to exercise their judgment as to what should go in, that puts an entirely different face on the matter, regardless of how definitive these instructions were as to what was to be put in and what was to be omitted, as I see it.

Mr. SCHERER. Mr. Secretary, do I understand the import of your testimony this morning to be that this manual was not withdrawn because any of the statements contained therein were not true?

Secretary SHARP. It was not withdrawn because we interpreted them to be not true. We did not investigate whether or not the statements were true. We did not consider it to be appropriate to put those statements in.

Mr. SCHERER. Can't you give me a Yes or No to my question?

Isn't that the import of your testimony here this morning, that this manual was not withdrawn because any of the material contained therein, about which complaint was made, was untrue? The truth or falsity of these statements had nothing to do with the withdrawal of this manual.

Secretary SHARP. That is correct. The truth or falsity of these statements had nothing to do with the withdrawal of the manual.

Mr. SCHERER. When I made the statement that the import of your testimony is that the manual was not withdrawn because any of the statements contained therein were not true, that is an accurate summarization of your testimony, is it not?

Secretary SHARP. Except that I would like to put it this way, that whether they were true or not had nothing to do with withdrawing the manual.

Mr. SCHERER. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make just one more observation. I have been a member of this Committee on Un-American Activities for the past 8 years. Every time we have inquired into the attempts of Communists or Communist-fronters to worm their way into the churches, the committee has been bitterly attacked and charged with investigating religion—with opposing churches—with interfering with religious freedom in violation of the Constitution.

In connection with this current inquiry, these same charges are again being made by some people. I feel, therefore, it is necessary and timely that I point out a few facts which show conclusively that these accusations are completely false and that just the opposite is the truth.

In 1953 and 1954 this committee conducted some rather lengthy hearings, as I recall. Among others, we heard evidence from individuals who had been in the Soviet Union in the early days when the Communists began their unremitting assault upon the church. The testimony showed conclusively that the Communist apparatus early came to the conclusion that if communism was to succeed throughout the world, it would be necessary to destroy or neutralize the great religions of the world.

The Communists knew, and so stated, that it was the church that was one of the greatest obstacles to the eventual take-over of the peoples of the earth by the Communists. The Communists concluded that before people would or could accept the ideology of communism, religion, which they called the opiate of the people and which they said controlled the mass mind, had to be eliminated or neutralized.

The Communists first attempted a frontal assault on the church; they harassed, persecuted, and imprisoned the clergy. Church properties were confiscated and destroyed. The Communist hierarchy, however, soon learned that the frontal assault had failed; that religion and morality were so embedded in the minds and souls of men that this outward assault on the church would not accomplish the objective.

They then realized that they must begin the long and tedious process of infiltration and gradually neutralize the religious doctrines of the churches from within by subtle propaganda and other devices.

Since the Communists understood that religion was the greatest obstacle to the success of the Communist cause, this committee consequently has always recognized and pointed out that our religious institutions are the free world's greatest bulwark against atheistic, godless communism. We have, therefore, urged the growth and strengthening of our religious institutions. All that the committee, by its

work in this field has ever tried to do, is to point out so all may know and understand this basic Communist policy. The committee has tried to show why the church and religion are the focal point of assault by the Communists.

The Committee on Un-American Activities has uncovered the techniques used by the Communist apparatus to infiltrate and destroy the church. It has done this so that the church itself could be fully aware of the Communist offensive against it; so that church leaders could understand that our religious institutions were in the front line of this battle; so that with this knowledge the church would be better enabled to foresee and combat this indirect, subtle, and diabolical attack upon it.

It should be obvious to all from the testimony before our committee that some people in our church organizations, whose loyalty both to this country and the church is unquestioned, have not, and still do not, understand the nature and objective of the Communists, as I have just pointed out. It is unfortunate that some of these good people have been taken in. It is deplorable that many of this group bitterly resent and interpret as an attack upon the church any efforts by this committee to bring to light the nature and techniques of the Communist attempt to infiltrate the church.

If what I have said is true, and I assure you it is, instead of bitterly resenting this committee, these good people should join hand in hand with us in what I believe is, and should be, a mutual objective, namely, to better understand the nature of the Communist techniques and objectives in so far as religion and the church are concerned and to strengthen our religious institutions so that they can become an even greater bulwark against the most deadly enemy, not only of free men, but also of the church itself.

Mr. JOHANSEN. I just wanted to repeat one statement very briefly and very quickly, and that is that I think that the Air Force and the Defense Department still face their most crucial test in this whole matter and that a great deal can be done to offset any mistakes that were made if that test is met. That test is in paragraph 3 of this resolution, which is an announcement to you that you have got to go farther in any compilation and absolutely ban any reference to Communist efforts to infiltrate religious groups.

I just want to say as a reverse of what my colleague from California said, if that effort is persisted in by them for whatever it is worth, you will have my support in resisting that effort, and it will be given on the floor of the House.

Secretary SHARP. I am sure we will resist any such effort; yes, sir.

Mr. TUCK. Did I understand you to say that this publication was suppressed on account of the letter of Mr. Wine alone, or were there other complaints?

Secretary SHARP. No, sir. It was investigated. This training manual had never been edited at the Headquarters, United States Air Force, and as soon as attention was called to the fact that there were some features in it that were objectionable to the group of people, we investigated the manual, and we recalled it for review at the time because of what we thought were objectionable statements in it which could be misinterpreted and get the Air Force into difficulty.

Mr. TUCK. Then did I understand you to say that you suppressed the manual and withdrew it without investigating to determine whether or not the statements made in that manual were true?

Secretary SHARP. Yes, sir. We were only interested in the fact that we do not feel in the Air Force that in a training manual it is our job to point at specific groups and organizations, that we should point out the danger of communism infiltrating the churches, but we should not point our finger at certain individuals who are suspect or otherwise being connected with Communist organizations. I think that this is the duty of this committee, which it certainly carries out remarkably well, and the duty of the FBI and others.

I think we should point out to our people, however, that there is danger of Communist infiltration even in the churches and schools and the labor unions and almost every other kind of organization of importance in the United States.

Mr. TUCK. But if those statements are true and if the dangers do exist, do you not conceive it to be your duty as head of the Air Force to point out these dangers to the men whom you are training.

Secretary SHARP. I think as I mentioned before, that the matter of getting into testimony before this committee, whether it was accurately transcribed in our records, and so on, is an area that we should not get into in the Air Force. We should point out that there are dangers in the schools, in the churches, in the military organizations of Communist infiltration. But I think for us to point a finger at a particular group is the duty of this committee and other organizations set up for that purpose, rather than the Air Force.

Mr. TUCK. I am not very skilled in the art of warfare and combat, but my understanding from my limited knowledge of the subject is that the first object of successful combat is to identify your enemy. Is that not correct?

Secretary SHARP. You certainly have to do that.

Mr. TUCK. Do you not as head of the Air Force recognize the danger of infiltration on the part of these Communist forces as one of the most serious problems confronting the Defense Department and the people of America today?

Secretary SHARP. There is no question. It is an extremely dangerous area. Of course, our primary area is military defense, and the responsibility of this committee and of the FBI and others involved is with the actual routing out of the Communist movement throughout the country. As far as Communists within the Air Force, this is definitely our job to point them out.

Mr. TUCK. Who were some of the other people who have complained about this publication prior to the time it was suppressed?

Secretary SHARP. Do you know of any, General Hopwood?

General HOPWOOD. None.

Mr. TUCK. Then this sole letter from Mr. Wine was the only complaint?

General HOPWOOD. I withdrew the manual before I ever heard of a man named Wine.

The CHAIRMAN. Why did you apologize to the National Council if you had already withdrawn it? Why didn't you say, "We have withdrawn this document"?

Are there any further questions?

Mr. JACKSON. Again going to the point of giving definite proof of a categorical statement, you do it in the manual in one instance where the manual mentions Reverend Claude C. Williams.

The Reverend Claude C. Williams, on May 17, 1946, in the First Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado, said, and I quote:

"Denominationally I am a Presbyterian, religiously a Unitarian, and politically I am a Communist. I am not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort, I'm in the church because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for communism."

I think you might very well pick up that statement, which is a documented statement, and put it in the manual to give the noncommissioned officers under instruction some idea what your opening statement with respect to infiltration by Communists into the churches means.

Mr. DOYLE. May I ask how many thousands were distributed before you withdrew it?

General HOPWOOD. Sir, approximately 3,200 were distributed to the training center.

Mr. DOYLE. In the United States?

General HOPWOOD. In the United States exclusively.

Mr. DOYLE. You cannot possibly get all those back, can you?

General HOPWOOD. No, sir.

We have recovered approximately 80 percent.

Mr. DOYLE. 80 percent.

Mr. TUCK. Mr. Chairman, while these gentlemen are here I would personally like to have a copy of this document and study to see if there is anything in it untruthful.

I cannot see any objection to a member of the Congress, particularly a member of this committee, having a few of those documents.

The CHAIRMAN. We have a few.

Do you think you could probably dig up about a dozen?

General HOPWOOD. Usually manuals are furnished that are requested through liaison, that are requested by members of the Congress. The request is acted on quickly.

Mr. SCHERER. Send us nine of them for the members on the committee.

Mr. JOHANSEN. Send both manuals.

The CHAIRMAN. I think you, Mr. Sharp, and Mr. Gates apologized for the manuals telling the truth about Communist infiltration of the National Council of Churches.

What was the apology based on? It was based on Mr. Wine's desire to suppress the truth about the organization which pays his salary. I cannot help but reach that conclusion.

Secretary SHARP. No, sir.

I would like to say we did not suppress the manual because of the truth or falsity of any of those statements. It was the propriety of the Air Force to enter into this area in detail, as I have discussed many times before. This is the reason for withdrawing the manual.

Mr. TUCK. Mr. Chairman, at the risk of making a curt remark, I think, in the light of the Secretary's apology to Mr. Wine, it is in order now for him or the Defense Department to apologize to the American people for having made the first apology.

Secretary SHARP. I think we should make it very clear what our position is and why we withdrew the manual. And we have not in the Air Force apologized to Mr. Wine that I know of. We simply stated we withdrew it because it did not represent the opinions of the Air Force.

Mr. DOYLE. I presume your statement will come out rather promptly now.

Secretary SHARP. I guess it will unless you have objection, of the committee, of making it.

The CHAIRMAN. We have no objection at all.

Gentlemen, will the members of the committee remain just a minute.

(Whereupon, at 11:45 a.m., Thursday, February 25, 1960, the committee proceeded to other business.)

(Members present at conclusion of the hearing: Representatives Walter, Moulder, Doyle, Willis, Tuck, Jackson, Scherer, and Johansen.)

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## AND THESE OUR PLANS

To hasten the coming of that day, the SCEF is now in the process of expanding its program of activities.

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To organize interracial groups to work for civil rights legislation in every Southern and border state. These will work at both the national and state level—for positive civil rights legislation in the border states now, against pro-segregation legislation in the deep South at the present time. Eventually, we envision the day when we can work for positive civil rights legislation at the state level throughout the region.

To organize interracial support for the drive of the Negro people to increase their vote in the South and to assist them in breaking down voting restrictions.

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If you live in the North, you need SCEF because your own way of life in the North may ultimately depend to a great extent upon the outcome of the present turmoil in the South. There can never be a complete end to discrimination and segregation in the North until the root of the evil is struck down in the South.



## AND SCEF NEEDS YOU . . .

If it is to do the gigantic job that must be done, SCEF needs the help of many people.

If you live in the South, it needs your ideas, your suggestions, your time and your energy, your hands and your pen and your heart—whatever and as much as you are in a position to give; and it needs your financial contribution.

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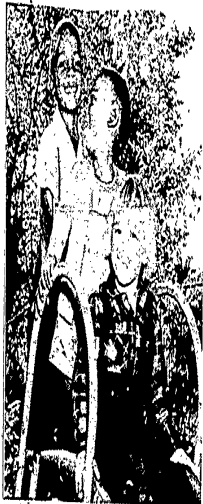
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Prior to 1946, the Southern Conference Educational Fund operated as a part of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which was formed in 1938 to seek the way toward economic and social progress for the South. The SCHW turned its energies and its work toward many crucial problems facing the region. Operating as an independent agency since 1946, SCEF has applied itself to only one of these—the elimination of segregation; we believe that herein lies the key to every other problem the South faces.

Always our emphasis has been on interracial activity in pursuit of our goal. We firmly believe that segregation destroys the white people in the South as much as it does the Negroes, corrupting them in subtle ways. We have always been sure that there are many Southern white people who will help to conquer this evil if they can find the way. We have sought to find these people and to bring them together.

We have felt that the struggle for equal rights must not be carried on by the Negro people alone. Not only because it is morally wrong that they should have to bear the burden without help, but also because it is only through joint effort of Negro and white in this endeavor that we can lay the basis for a brotherly society in the future.

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- Distributed 125,000 copies of a graphic study of the effect of segregation in education (1947).
- Conducted a conference of prominent Southerners at the University of Virginia to draw up and adopt a Declaration of Civil Rights (1948).
- Served as coordinator for an amicus curiae brief in the Sweatt case, which broke segregation at the college graduate level (1949).
- Brought together educators and students from all over the South for a conference on Discrimination in Higher Education (1950).
- Conducted a series of studies into discrimination in the field of medicine and distributed 25,000 copies of a pamphlet on hospital discrimination, "The Untouchables" (1951-52).
- Conducted an interracial youth conference at Columbia, S. C., bringing together teachers and students from 48 southern colleges (1952).
- Launched a series of regional conferences on compliance with the Supreme Court school decision (1954-55).
- Presented a petition, signed by 2,600 citizens, to the Senate Subcommittee on Civil Rights urging hearings in Mississippi (1956).
- Published an advertisement in the *Washington Post-Times Herald*, opposing crippling amendments to the civil rights bill, sponsored and signed by 82 citizens from all of the 13 Southern States (1957).
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*Communist Infiltration into Religion*

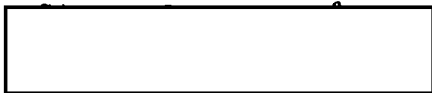
I am writing directly to you for whatever information you can give me regarding Communist infiltration in the churches.

I personally feel this is a great danger but many of the clergymen do not feel so, and have said that you have never indicated there were Communist in the churches. It seems to me very strange that some people can think this in the light of the testimony available, but many do.

Just the other night I heard Mr. Myers G. Lowman of the Circuit Riders and he said there were many, many, church men involved in Communist front groups. The next day the leading Methodist minister in the city said from his pulpit and over the radio that Mr. Lowman did not speak the truth, and that Mr. Hoover has never said there was Communist or Communist infiltration in the churches.

Now my question is: "What is the situation, and would you be willing to give me your personal comment on the matter, or rather I should ask, your authoritative answer?"

Thank you so very much and my God bless you in your very important work.



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"We Preach Not Ourselves But Christ Jesus The Lord." 11 Cor. 4:5

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February 2, 1961

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[Redacted]  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Halls Ferry Road and Roseland Drive  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear [Redacted]:

I have received your letter of January 28, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is appreciated. Please accept my thanks for your blessings.

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While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I am enclosing several items setting forth my views on communism. Included is a reprint of my article which recently appeared in "Christianity Today" which points out some of the tactics of the communists to exploit the church for their own insidious aims.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (8)  
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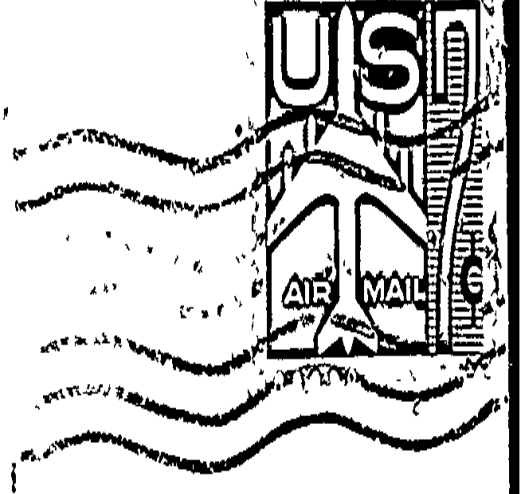
Enclosures (8)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
One Nation's Response To Communism  
God and Country or Communism?  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
Director's speech of 10-18-60  
Series from 'Christianity Today'  
Communist Target--Youth  
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of the correspondent. Myers G. Lowman is on the Special Correspondents' List. Bufiles show that Circuit Riders is an anticommunist layman group of the Methodist church, and we have enjoyed cordial relations with them.

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SAN GABRIEL  
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington,  
D. C.



**SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA**

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SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

Feb. 1 - 1961

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.  
Communist Infiltration into Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to con-

gratulate you on your appointment in the new Cabinet of President Kennedy, who, in chief instance showed great foresight, assuring the American people of continued vigilance in their fight against ~~our enemies~~

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2/7/61  
2/16/61

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FEB 7 1961

In this I trust you will have the whole hearted support of the President ~~and his~~ five young brothers, the Attorney-

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CORRESPONDENCE



[REDACTED]  
SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

As you probably know <sup>int</sup> Ireland there is less Communism than in any other country, so, with the White House in the hands of the Irish, perhaps we can all take heart.

I am disturbed at the infiltration into our churches, <sup>and</sup> I am particularly concerned at the way Catholics <sup>and</sup> ex-Catholics are being exploited. This, I have learned, through personal research over the past few years. It is not my intention to infer that the clergy is communistic, however, I have found some to be rather un-American.

Because of my discovery, my family has suffered untold anguish, physical harm <sup>and</sup> much unhappiness, causing physical disability as well.

I have fought the battle <sup>against</sup> vicious Mental Health Legislation both in California <sup>and</sup> Illinois <sup>and</sup> now Wyoming.

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[Redacted]

SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

As a result of this battle to re-  
tain my Freedom under the Consti-  
tution I have been subjected to much  
misery, as have my children.

Surely, there must be a way to  
bring about a better understanding  
between all Faiths through Love -  
thus banishing hatred and bigotry  
forever. For this, I pledge my help and life  
if necessary.

His Eminence Cardinal McIntyre of  
Los Angeles [Redacted] [Redacted]

Senator James Buckley of Wyoming know  
of my sincerity of purpose.

May I ask your help?

With kind regards and all good  
wishes, may God Bless you!

Sincerely,  
[Redacted]

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TRUE COPY

[Redacted]

SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

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Feb. 1-1961

[Redacted]

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Chief of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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His Eminence Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles,  
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May I ask your help?

With kind regards and all good wishes, May  
God Bless You!

Sincerely

/s/

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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 W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-7-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell

*Communist Infiltration into Religion*

SUBJECT:

[Redacted Box]

SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

In a letter dated 2-1-61 correspondent congratulates the Director upon President Kennedy's request that the Director continue in his present capacity. She points out that she is disturbed at the infiltration into our churches and is particularly concerned at the way Catholics and ex-Catholics are being exploited. She mentions that her family has suffered untold anguish, physical harm and much unhappiness, apparently due to personal research on her part regarding the infiltration. She mentions the "vicious Mental Health Legislation." She states again that she has been subjected to much misery. She feels that there must be a way to bring about a better understanding between all faiths banishing hatred and bigotry. She wishes the Director's help.

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No record could be located in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) It is recommended that correspondent's letter not be acknowledged.

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*John*

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

South Central Park  
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

February 1, 1961

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Parsons
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Malone
- Mr. McGuire
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Evans
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- Tele. Room
- Mr. Ingram
- Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

*EGH*

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO  
RELIGION

Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you may or may not know, several of us in St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Ardmore, Oklahoma, have been making a detailed study, for the past two years, of Communism and the Communist infiltration of the Churches, including our own.

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*BOOKLET*

The results of our study have recently been gathered together by the Americanism Committee of our parish in what we call "A Two Hour Parish Study Of Communism and the Episcopal Church." We, of the Americanism Committee, send you this copy of our Study with our compliments. We would appreciate your comments as to its contents and the reliability of the documentation of the facts it presents. You might also like to know that we have sent a copy of our Study to Chairman Francis Walters of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Chairman Walters has already written us, approving our report and stating that he has placed the same in his official files.

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Everyone of us here at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, admires you greatly as an outstanding Churchman and American - a staunch defender of faith and of the nation, and we are eternally grateful to God that we have such a man as you as Director of the F. B. I. You are the Moses of today whom the Lord has raised up to lead our people through the wilderness of Communism and into the promised land, once again, of the sound and solid principles of our Christian American heritage.

May the good Lord strengthen you in your wonderful work, and spare you to the nation for many years to come.

Sincerely and respectfully

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February 9, 1961

EX 104

Saint Philip's Episcopal Church  
South Central Park  
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 1, 1961, with enclosure, has been received. The sentiments you expressed are indeed appreciated, and your generous comments concerning my administration of this Bureau are a source of encouragement to me.

While I would like to be of service, as a matter of policy, the FBI does not make evaluations or draw conclusions relating to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. In view of this, I am sure you can understand why it is not possible for me to offer any observations or comments concerning the contents and documentation of your report. Please accept my thanks for your interest in furnishing a copy to me, and you may be sure it will be made a matter of record.

I am enclosing some material which you may like to read. If you or other members of your Committee would like additional copies of these publications, they will be furnished if you will advise us of your specific requirements.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

ENCL. BEHIND FILE

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ One Nation's Response to Communism
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_ What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_ Director's Speeches 10-3-60 and 10-18-60
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_ Communist Target--Youth
- Conrad \_\_\_\_\_ Expose of Soviet Espionage
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosures (7) Listed above.
- Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Evans \_\_\_\_\_ CJH:gcb (3)
- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Ingram \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. He enclosed a 34-page booklet prepared by the Americanism Committee of his Church which was captioned "Communism and the Episcopal Church." This booklet directed criticism against church leaders who had recommended abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and also discussed the National Council of Churches, as well as other matters relating to the church as it was affected by the communist movement. On page 19, a quotation of the Director appeared which was extracted from "God and Country or Communism?" On page 33, a brief quotation of the Director appeared which was taken from a speech he made to the D. A. R. on 4-18-56.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati 1, Ohio  
February 15, 1961

[Redacted]

*W. J. ...  
to Phil*

Honorable Gordon H. Scherer  
Member of Congress  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

[Redacted]

Dear Gordon:

*Glendale Ohio*

Many thanks for your letter of February 13, 1961.

Be assured we are glad to have this  
information.

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Sincerely yours,

E. D. MASON  
Special Agent in Charge

- 1-Honorable Gordon H. Scherer
- 1-Bureau
- Attention: C. D. DELOACH, Assistant Director (Enc. 1)
- 1-Cincinnati

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GORDON H. SCHERER  
FIRST DISTRICT, OHIO

THE STATE OF OHIO  
12 & NEW TOWN  
CINCINNATI, OHIO

FOR THE STATE OF OHIO  
PUBLIC WORKS

ASSISTANT STATE ENGINEER  
GORDON H. SCHERER

# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1961

Mr. E. D. Mason  
Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Federal Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Ed:

I received a telephone call yesterday from [redacted] a reputable Cincinnati orthopedic surgeon. He told me that [redacted] (colored) who lives in Glendale and is the widow of [redacted] talked to the Sunday School class at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Healthy [redacted] [redacted]

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He said he was horrified at the substance of her talk. It was replete with hatred and ill will, and obviously aimed at stirring up racial dissension. He indicated that it followed the Communist line as he knew it.

It is his understanding that she is presently working for her doctorate at the University of Cincinnati.

I am just passing this information on to you for whatever it might be worth.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon H. Scherer

GHS:rm

1 - Mr. Farr

SAC, San Antonio

February 21, 1961

Director, FBI

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EX 106

INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

The following anonymous letter postmarked February 11, 1961, at McAllen, Texas, has been received at the Bureau.

"[redacted] First Christian Church, McAllen, Texas, says 'No Christian has a right to question whether his minister is a Communist.' Does that mean he is a Communist?"

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You should search your indices for any pertinent information regarding captioned individual and be guided by current Bureau instructions with regard to security investigations of individuals.

Bufiles contain no identifiable references to subject.

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- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ingram \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*DeLoach*

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*✓ Bob Baker*  
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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
SEAL ENVELOPE ATTACHED

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[redacted] First Christian Church, McAllen,  
Texas, says "No Christian has a right to question whether  
his minister is a Communist." Does that mean he is a  
Communist?

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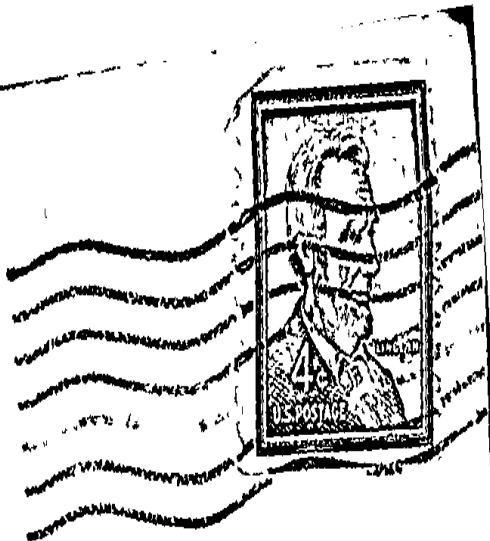
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.



ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATIONS  
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

[Redacted] First Christian  
Church, McAllen, Texas, says "No  
Christian has a right to question  
whether his minister is a Communist."  
Does that mean he is a Communist?

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2-21-61  
Ad to San Antonio  
SF  
Hester

WALTER ROGERS, M. C.  
18TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

COMMITTEES:  
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN  
COMMERCE  
SUBCOMMITTEES:  
COMMUNICATIONS AND POWER  
LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT

INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS  
SUBCOMMITTEES:  
IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION,  
CHAIRMAN  
MINES AND MINING

February 21, 1961

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
The Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The attached copy of a letter received from [redacted]  
[redacted] Folk Street Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas is,  
I believe, self-explanatory.

I would be grateful for any substantiation or rebuttal you  
might have to the charges referred to by [redacted]

Thanking you for your assistance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

*Walter Rogers*  
Walter Rogers, M.C.

WR/mp

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

EX 109

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RELIGION

*Boyd*  
*W. A. ...*

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*WME*

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100-403529-142

February 27, 1961

Honorable Walter E. Rogers  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of February 21, 1961, enclosing a copy of the correspondence from [redacted] has been received.

I thought you might like to know that [redacted] wrote to me on February 16, 1961, concerning this matter, and I am enclosing a copy of my reply to him for your information.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

1 - Dallas - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles indicate a cordial relationship with Congressman Rogers, Democrat from Texas. See letter of same date to [redacted]

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Fifth Street Methodist Church  
Fifth Street at Fourteenth  
Amarillo, Texas

February 16, 1961

Mr. Walter Rogers  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Rogers,

As you are aware, accusations of Communism and Communist-inspired action directed toward the church and churches is not new. However, in the past few months a vigorous organization has arisen in our city which has made many accusations leveled at the National Council of Churches and at The Methodist Church, among other denominations.

For over ten years I have heard accusation and insinuations leveled against my church. Most of those statements I must judge as "rumor" since those making them refuse to document them in public. However, on more than one occasion your name has been brought into the discussion as a person who has access to information regarding communist-infiltration of the churches and particularly of The Methodist Church.

Can you tell me what documented evidence is available to substantiate those charges? What information is available from The House UnAmerican Activities Committee, The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, The Internal Security Section of The Department of Justice, and The Federal Bureau of Investigation? Can you give names and activities of Communists in the National Council of Churches and in The Methodist Church?

I hope that I can maintain an open mind about such matters and I further hope that I am never blinded to the imperfections of my church. However, I would like to have documented evidence before I can agree with my accusers or become the accuser myself.

Sincerely yours,

100-403529-172

West Covina, Calif.  
Feb. 21, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover, Infiltration into Religion

Could your office supply me with any information regarding Communist propaganda in the Presbyterian Church? If possible the names of the people propagating it and the specific literature containing it.

Also I would appreciate any lists of reading material you have available on Communism. In fact send me any kind of information you have, I have just started my study of Communism and prefer to use materials cleared by your office. I am a church school teacher in a Presbyterian Church.

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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature box]

P.S. After attending a couple of anti-communism classes, I am more conservative than Barry Goldwater, I trust only God, J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I., but I will never again trust another man, even my own brother with my freedom as a citizen.

mailing addresse :

[Redacted address box]  
West Covina, Calif.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**  
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March 3, 1961

[Redacted]

West Covina, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of February 21, 1961, has been received, and your kind comments about the work of the FBI are indeed appreciated.

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While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, this Bureau has not conducted an investigation regarding the organization you mentioned. Enclosed is material relating to the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention & Intro. 3-60 LEB  
Communist Party, USA  
Series from Christianity Today  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
Expose of Soviet Espionage  
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
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*Gilnockie Planting Company* STONEVILLE, MISSISSIPPI  
SHIPPING POINT · LELAND, MISS. · PHONE 35

Communist  
Infiltration into Religion

March 10, 1961

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

|| I want to get copies of all available authentic information concerning Communitic infiltration of churches.

|| I have a 1957 copy of organizations listed as subversive by the House Unamerican Activities Committee. If there is a later list I would like to get it.

|| Has any official Government Agency compiled a list of Laymen, Ministers, or officers of church organizations who are, or have been, members of one or more of the organizations list as subversive by one or more official governmental agencies? If so, I would like copies.

Reading material has come to my attention which indicates that The National Council of Churches, referring to itself as "Modern" or "Liberal", is arrayed against the following organizations and individuals, which are referred to as "Fundamentalists", "Conservaties", or "Ultra-conservaties".

Mayor Edgar C. Bundy, and the "Church League of America", Wheaton, Ill.

Rev. Carl McIntyre and "American Council of Churches", Collinswood, N. J.

Rev. Billy James Hargis, President of "The Christian Crusade", Tulsa, Okla.

Verne P. Kaub and "American Council of Christian Laymen", of Madison, Wisconsin.

Myers G. Lowman, "Circuit Riders Inc." of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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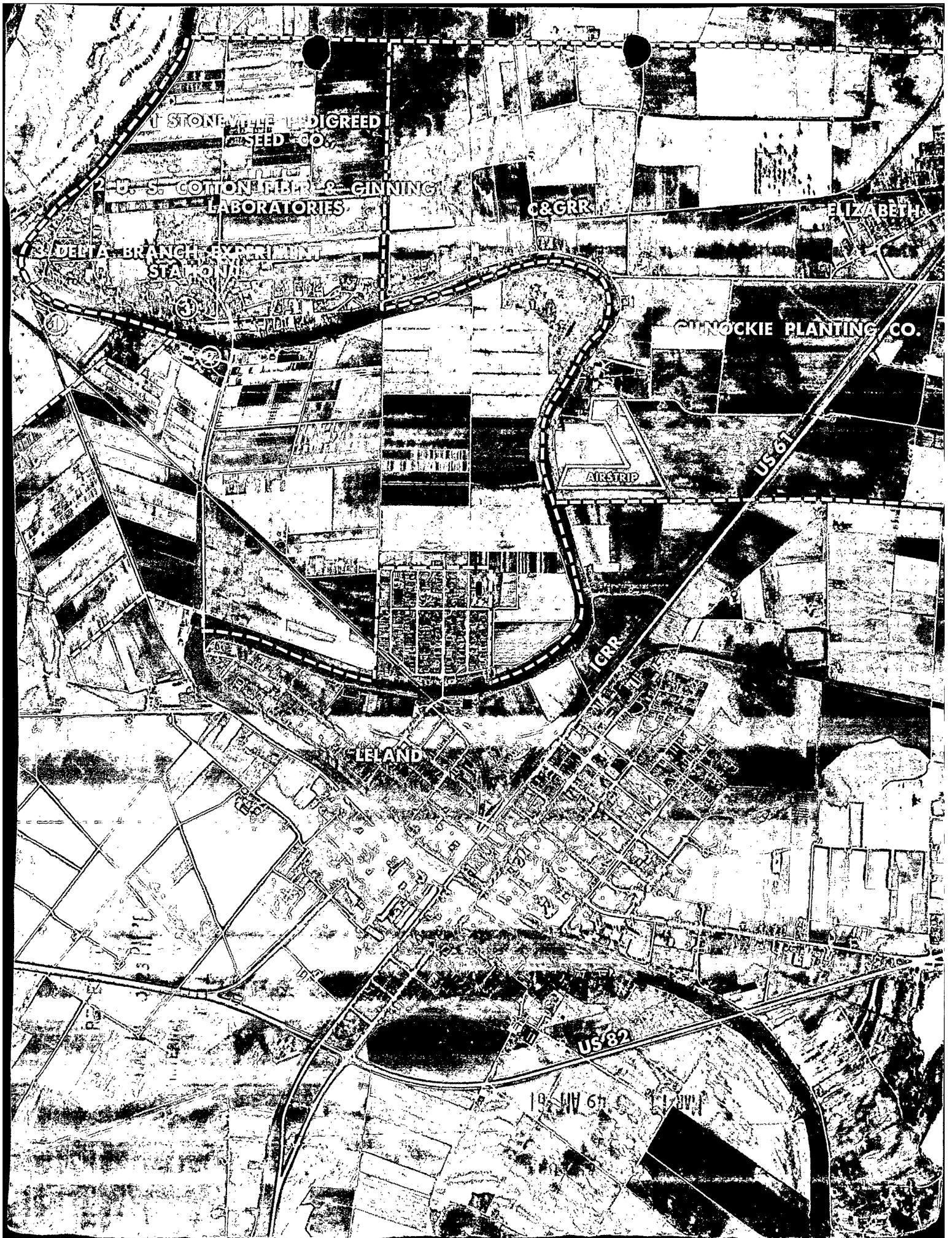
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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Washington, D. C.

// Can you send to me official information on the above organizations which will enable me to learn the truth concerning charges and counter charges?

// Myers G. Lowman of Circuit Riders has published lists of ministers whom he states are, or have been, members of one or more organizations listed as subversive. Can you say if the lists are accepted as authentic by our Governmental Agencies?

// I would like to get all available official information concerning the Air Force Manual charges and counter charges, about which we have heard so much. If available, I would like copies of committee hearings on the manual.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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1 - Mr. Farr

March 17, 1961

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**Gilnockie Planting Company  
Stoneville, Mississippi**

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated March 10, 1961, has been received by me and the interest which prompted your communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

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While I would like to be of assistance, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire. I am also unable to suggest a source from which you may obtain the desired information.

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You mentioned in your letter that you have a copy of the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," published in 1957. In answer to your inquiry, this is the latest date of publication of this pamphlet. In order to obtain copies of Committee hearings such as you requested, you should direct your inquiries to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Although we have issued various items of literature concerning the menace of communism, we have no material which is pertinent to your inquiry. I am, however, enclosing some of this material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent. Correspondent advises he would like "copies of all available" information regarding communist infiltration of the churches. He has a 1957 copy of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." He would like a later issue of this publication if there is one. He inquires whether any "official Government Agency compiled a list of Laymen, Ministers, or officers" who have been members of a subversive organization listed by an official Government agency. He indicates the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) is against ten individuals and organizations which are listed by him. These individuals and organizations are well known to the Bureau in that they are active in anticommunist activities.

Correspondent requests "the truth concerning the charges and counter charges" made by these organizations against the churches and the NCCC and vice versa. The correspondent wishes to know whether lists published by "Myers G. Lowman of Circuit Riders...are accepted as authentic by our Governmental Agencies?" He also requests "all available official information concerning the Air Force Manual charges and would like copies of the Committee hearings."

In view of the controversial nature of correspondent's questions, it is believed the above answer will best serve the Bureau's interests; and in view of the number of individuals and organizations mentioned by him, they are not being characterized.

For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people, including some clergymen, to the effect that the NCCC has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of

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the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CPUSA is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. (100-50869)

Myers G. Lowman is Executive Secretary of Circuit Riders, Inc. The FBI has not conducted an investigation of either Lowman or Circuit Riders, Inc. Circuit Riders, Inc., is a Methodist lay organization which in the past has alleged that 30 of 95 individuals who prepared the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, a project completed by the NCCC, had been affiliated with communist front organizations. Bufiles indicate that only 16 of the 30 had some record of past affiliations with front organizations. Since Lowman recently took issue with Inspector W. C. Sullivan on the subject of communist infiltration of the clergy, we are currently being most circumspect in our dealings with Lowman. (100-413026) (62-99405)

The following items of literature were sent to correspondent:

1. "Red Goals and Christian Ideals."
2. "What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America."
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."

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Communist

March 22, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

Infiltration into Religion

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I am a member of a Lutheran Church and have become quite concerned with the repeated barbs thrown at the churches of this country. I have heard many speakers stand in front of audiences and say that our churches are infiltrated by Communists. They also speak of the aiding and abetting of some of our clergy. By some these speakers mean thousands from everything I can gather. None of these people can tell me where to get proof of this church infiltration and now I am turning to you .

Can you tell me where I can get this proof? Is the source reliable and would evidence stand up in a court of law? As a Christian I can not condemn anybody unless all the evidence points to the knowing following of Communist ideals. I cannot condemn a person for joining an organization not knowing the true nature of the group and then dropping out when the real purpose of the group is known. This seems to be the way many of our so-called anti-communist groups condemn a person.

As a citizen of this country I feel we must stop this menace to our way of life, but we must do it by fair means.

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Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

La Crescenta, Calif.

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March 29, 1961

[Redacted]

La Crescenta, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 22, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the concern which has prompted you to write.

The churches of our country are one of our greatest bulwarks against the menace of communism and I am enclosing several items which reflect my views on this matter which I hope will be of value to you. Thank you for writing to me as you did.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
God and Country or Communism  
Three part Series From Christianity Today  
Communist Illision and Democratic Reality

NOTE: We have had cordial correspondence with [Redacted] in the past. Our last outgoing was January 26, 1961.

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ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA  
SHERWOOD 5-0442

March 21, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I wish to request literature compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation over your name which will report on subversive activities to the intent of the overthrow of the United States government that is reported to be going on within protestant church denominations and organizations within educational spheres in this country.

There is much reported on this by members of Congress in the Congressional Record, by the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee and by articles appearing in the American Mercury and other periodicals.

I am the chairman of the Social Action Committee of our church, First Congregational, Escondido. Discussion at our committee meetings has turned to the incidence of subversive elements infiltrating local character building societies, the importance of or the threat to our civil liberties by the House Un-American Activities Committee and the portent of the mob student demonstrations against this committee at the hearings held in San Francisco in May 1960. Interest in and disbelief that great church leaders could be front runners for communists has been the most important topic of discussion in our committee's work.

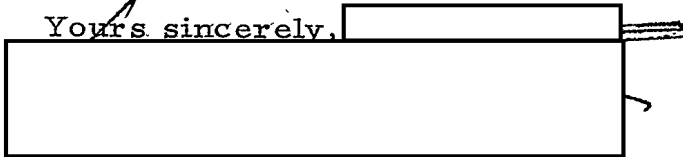
It is felt that there is no source regarding communist subversion and none more authoritative than that coming from your office.

I should greatly appreciate any information that could be supplied to enlighten us on the extent of the communist subversion, especially in our church organizations and educational institutions.

Thank you, so much.

Yours sincerely,

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March 30, 1961

[Redacted]

Escondido, California

Communist Infiltration  
into Religion

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of March 21, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

While I do wish it were possible to be of assistance, the FBI, being an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you on this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

I can certainly understand your deep concern over the grave threat posed by communism, particularly to the youth of our country. It is my belief that a broad knowledge of the objectives and operations of the communist conspiracy is essential if Americans are to effectively resist its influence. My book, "Masters of Deceit," was prepared for the purpose of an easy-to-read primer on communism for students and other Americans who would like to learn something about this evil menace.

I am sending, under separate cover, several items on the subject of communism which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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How To Beat Communism  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
Communist Illusion And Democratic Reality  
Communist Target--Youth  
One Nation's Response To Communism

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TO : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner <sup>7031</sup> DATE: April 3, 1961

FROM : Mr. J. H. Kleinkauf

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
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An article appeared in the "Washington Post and Times Herald," 3-19-61, entitled "Ministers Score House Committee." This article related that twelve area ministers and a leader of the Washington Ethical Society had signed a resolution stating that the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) had outlived its usefulness and recommending discontinuance of the Committee.

The Congressional Record, House of Representatives, 2-28-61, pages 2712 and 2713, stated that Congressman James Roosevelt, Democrat of California) had read into the Congressional Record the resolution signed by the ministers. The signers of this resolution are set forth as

- [redacted] Unitarian Church of Rockville;
- [redacted] Washington Ethical Society;
- [redacted] All Souls' Church;
- [redacted] Montgomery County Unitarian Church;
- [redacted] Unitarian Fellowship of Hagerstown;
- [redacted] Unitarian-Universalist Church of Silver Spring;
- [redacted] Unitarian Church of Ann Arundel County;
- [redacted] Fairfax Unitarian Church;
- [redacted] Paint Branch Unitarian Church;
- [redacted] All Souls' Church;
- [redacted] Arlington Unitarian Church;
- [redacted] Mount Vernon Unitarian Church;
- [redacted] Davies Memorial Unitarian Church.

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It is noted that Congressman Roosevelt lead the fight in the House of Representatives for the abolition of the HCUA and the limiting of its funds which was overwhelmingly defeated.

Bufiles contain no pertinent information regarding these ministers with the exception of [redacted] By memorandum dated 4-15-59 captioned [redacted] which memorandum is filed in 61-7582-4121, a summary of information regarding [redacted] is set forth. This memorandum indicates that [redacted] and his wife in 1943 were committee members of the

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Memorandum to Mr. Baumgardner  
Re: Communist Infiltration of Religion  
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National Council of American Soviet Friendship (NCASF). The NCASF has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] was also one of the individuals who requested a pardon for Morris U. Schappes who had been convicted of perjury before a 1940 Rapp-Coudert Committee investigating subversive activities in the New York schools. In June, 1953, [redacted] stated that the Congressional Investigating Committees were "an instrument of tyranny." In February, 1958, [redacted] was one of 43 members of the Boston Association of Ministers who severely criticized a report of the Massachusetts Special Commission on Communism and Subversive Activities.

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ACTION:

None. Submitted for information.

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Seattle 99, Wash.  
March 28, 1961

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Mr. William C. Sullivan  
Chief Inspector, F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Sullivan:

Re: Press release of 3/2/61 in THE PILOT, Boston, Mass.  
March 4, 1961

My husband and I have long been concerned about communist infiltration into our National Council of Churches and our own denomination (United Church of Christ). I have had some correspondence on the subject with [Redacted] of the Council for Social Action of our denomination. He writes frequent articles in our magazine, United Church Herald, usually with a slant to the left.

Yesterday I received from him the news reprint mentioned above, which reports on your address in Cincinnati in early March before the U.S. Citizens' Committee of Cincinnati, and says in part;

"A Federal Bureau of Investigation official paid tribute to the opposition maintained by the American clergy against efforts of the Communist Party to infiltrate churches and church organizations.

"William C. Sullivan, FBI chief inspector, also labeled as 'a patent falsehood' what he described as 'the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence' by Communists". *Am*

This part, I imagine is accurately reported. It also went on to say that certain misled persons (clergy) did join "fronts" but it said nothing about the few real communists who must still be at work in our churches as reported by Herbert Philbrick and others before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

I am of the impression that the FBI realizes the actual infiltration of a few real communists and their alarming success in getting their ideology adopted by "liberal" church leaders -- a thing which disturbs us grass-roots, down-to-earth, loyal church workers. Did you not also bring out this angle, not mentioned in the write-up? Do you think such a report is accurate?

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The report of your speech said nothing about how churches have been led to adopt pro-communist resolutions re Red China (in direct opposition to stated U.S. ~~fix~~ policy) for example, how the National Council of Churches has publicly opposed the two anti-communist films, "Communism on the Map" and "Operation Abolition", how the same council asked the political conventions to adopt platform planks doing away with the security committees of Congress, how they also have given misinformation about freedom of religion in "curtain countries", etc., etc., etc.

It does not seem possible that you gave the address as reported, and I wish you would write me as to the accuracy of the reporting and its completeness. Of course I have not given it in full and there were other good parts -- my objection is to what seems to have been omitted.

When you reply, will you be so good as to send also a carbon copy of your answer? Thank you kindly.

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Very sincerely yours

[Redacted signature box]

Copy: J. Edgar Hoover, Chief, F.B.I.

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Mr. Parsons  
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Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Morrell  
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1 - Mr. Sullivan  
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1 - John E. McHale, Jr. April 4, 1961

Seattle 99, Washington

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Dear [redacted]

I have received the copy of your March 28, 1961, letter to Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan, and I would like to take this opportunity to answer some of the questions you raised.

It is true, as Mr. Sullivan pointed out in his remarks to the United States Citizens Committee of Cincinnati, that the Communist Party in this country has not succeeded in exerting any substantial domination or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale. It is equally true that the overwhelming majority of the American clergy are loyal to the United States and are opposed to communism.

To note these observations of plain facts, however, is not to overlook the dangers presented to religious freedom by the menace of communism. Mr. Sullivan in his same remarks, a copy of which I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith, warned of this grave danger. He called his listeners' attention to the fact that Communist Party members in this country have been instructed to affiliate with churches and religious groups for the purpose of injecting a "progressive" viewpoint into their policies and activities. He also pointed out that communists are quick to capitalize on statements made by clergymen, church bodies, and religious publications which happen to coincide with some phase of the Communist Party line.

I trust that the above statements and Mr. Sullivan's enclosed remarks will answer your questions as to what he said in his Cincinnati lecture.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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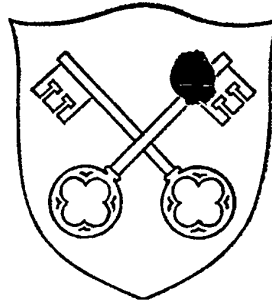
Bureau files contain no information identifiable with [redacted] Her request for a carbon copy of the letter is not being complied with in view of the fact that she may try to inject the Bureau into some kind of controversy.

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# St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church

affiliated with

American Lutheran Church—National Lutheran Council



CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

WALMORE ROAD, SANBORN, NEW YORK

April 1, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Communist Infiltration into Religion

I am preparing a research study for The American Lutheran Church on the effectiveness of our present program of Parish Education. We are anxious to determine where and how we must initiate changes in order to offer the most effective training for the children and youth. We are particularly anxious to evaluate the role of the Christian Day or Parochial School.

While I realize that your schedule is crowded with many more pressing problems, it would be most helpful to me if you could see fit to advise me concerning several specific areas. It is my desire to make the report as authentic as possible. I do not know where else to turn in order to secure reliable information.

The study so far seems to indicate that while there is a greater interest in religious life at present the effect of the Christian Church upon the life of the individual is waning. The dynamic of the Christian Gospel is being weakened by such forces as confusion, divisions, indifference, materialism, and others. Is there any evidence whatsoever to substantiate the hypothesis that the Communists are turning to the Christian Churches of America for the purpose of weakening and eventually destroying their effect upon the lives of our citizens? There is every indication that something is at work deteriorating the moral and spiritual backbone of our nation. A program of religious education cannot be effective until the extent, nature and program of this influence is established.

The study further indicates a similar situation in the public education system of our nation. With more pupils and a more complex society, education is being confounded with such a diversity of goals and direction that it seemingly is losing its sense of direction. Is there any evidence to indicate the nature and extent of the Communist inroads and influence in this area?

The American Lutheran Church is vitally concerned about maintaining and strengthening our system of public education.

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However, we are also deeply concerned about providing youth with the necessary moral and spiritual leadership and training imperative for a strong democracy and free world. We are in the process of determining whether or not the Christian Day or Parochial School could offer us a more effective avenue of training.

Whatever information and reports, general or specific, that you can supply, and your personal reactions will be deeply appreciated and will prove most helpful to me in this endeavor.

Thanking you most sincerely for your consideration and guidance, I am,

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Yours in His service,



DGR/ms

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April 11, 1961

RE [redacted]  
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Walmore Road  
Sanborn, New York

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 1 and do appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

It is always pleasing to hear from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedoms.

In response to the matter you discussed, I am forwarding some material under separate cover which may be of assistance to you. In addition you may be able to secure a copy of my book, "Masters of Deceit," from your local public library. On pages 324 through 326 you will find a full discussion of the efforts of the Communist Party, USA, to infiltrate religious groups. Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to control all mass-type organizations, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- 1 - Buffalo - Enclosure
  - 1 - D. C. Morrell - Room 4235
- USC Material (See next page)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record concerning correspondent. Complete name of church per telephone directory.

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**USC MATERIAL**

1 copy each of

**Communist Target--Youth**  
**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**  
**April 1 LEB Introduction**  
**Director's American Legion Speech**  
**Director's Remarks Before The HCUA Committee, 1947**  
**An Analysis of the 17th National CP Convention**  
**Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion**  
**Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality**  
**Communism and the College Student**  
**The Communist Menace**  
**Communist Are After Our Minds**  
**Expose of Soviet Espionage**  
**God and Country or Communism?**  
**Challenge to Teachers**  
**Counterattack on Juvenile Delinquency**  
**Crime Challenges the Churches**  
**Punish the Parent?**  
**The Role of the Sunday School**  
**The Sunday School, Key to Tommorrow**  
**Warning to U. S. Teen-Agers**  
**What Can We Do About "Delinquency?"**  
**Youth in Crime**  
**Rectangular Screen and Delinquency**

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[Redacted]

Macomb, Illinois

Communist Infiltration into Religion  
Dear Sir:

I am writing to you about a problem of the community in which I live. Our church, The Congregational, in Toulon, Illinois on April 30 is going to vote on merging with the United Church of Christ. US

Some of our members say it is run by communists, and are sending out literature, which I am enclosing, to help defeat the planned merger.

The way things stand now the membership of the church is going to be hurt no matter which way the vote goes.

I have been unsuccessful in my attempt to find out anything about the two newspapers, the enclosed excerpts are supposedly taken from.

In a recent NBC report on Hong Kong they showed a communist school which was under the control of the Church of Christ. Although this is not the United Church of Christ the similarity was enough to cause me to wonder.

I would appreciate you sending me any information you may have in your files on The United Church of Christ. Even if you have no information I am positive it will ease the minds of those of the congregation who are planning to vote for the merger because they feel it will help the small church such as ours, but are worried because of the accusations of some that it is communist controlled.

I hope you can find time in your busy schedule to answer this and may God watch over you and those under your supervision as you are watching over us.

P.S.  
Please send any answer to this address as the other is here at school

Respectfully,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Toulon, Illinois

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RESPECTFULLY,



TOULON, ILLINOIS

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April 17, 1961

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Toulon, Illinois

Dear [Redacted]:

I have received your letter postmarked April 10, 1961, with its enclosures, and your kind comments are most gratifying.

While I would like to be of assistance and can certainly appreciate your concern, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI, strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

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Sincerely yours

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bufiles contain no identifiable pertinent reference to correspondent, the Toulon Congregational Church or [Redacted] Correspondent enclosed a copy of circular letter with which was enclosed a write-up and sketch portraying Christ Jesus in the dress of a "beatnik," wearing a short beard and "clamdigger-type" pants. The letter which correspondent enclosed opposed the merger of the Congregational Church in Toulon, Illinois, with the United Church of Christ and requested that absentee ballots regarding this merger be sent to [Redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW (CONTINUED):

It set forth as its reasons the manner in which Christ had been portrayed in the afore-mentioned sketch, this sketch having appeared in one of the new Sunday school books of the United Church of Christ in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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No investigation concerning the United Church of Christ has been conducted and our files contain no pertinent identifiable subversive information concerning this organization. (105-16387-4)

No literature is being sent to correspondent in that to do so would possibly indicate to him that there is communist infiltration in the United Church of Christ.



Dear Toulon Congregational Church Member:-

We are enclosing a picture and material which will be used in the Sunday Schools of the United Church of Christ.

1. Do you want your children, grandchildren, or any child to be taught this type of story, which you can see is throwing to the winds all the historical background of the Bible?
2. Do you want the beauty and sacredness of the story of Jesus and Christianity which has been developed and refined over a period of 2000 years, lost to your children? The images and pictures of Biblical times are representative of those holy years as artists of that time saw them. If all of this is thrown out, all history, all art, and all literature that had its roots back in those early days is set aside for a modernistic, beatnik, portrayal of Christ, and a modernistic setting for the nativity scene, will we not be robbing our children of their rightful religious background and heritage?
3. Do you want each new generation of children to have a different and contemporary concept of these things instead of the stability and strength of the old and unchanging story? Isn't this modern approach but a passing fancy? Ten years from now when our young people have discarded the clam-digger outfits, will Christ then be given the garb of the 1970's? Why should children be ~~can~~ confused with a changing Christ forced to keep up with the fashions of the day?
4. Do you want your contributions to the church to be used for the development of these clam digger, or cowboy or beatnik portrayals? Our present day Bible represents generations of careful study and scholarly research and interpretation. WHO AND WHAT MOVEMENT IS THIS that would desecrate the most Perfect Man who ever lived and ignore and destroy the most beautiful stories ever written?
5. If you are not in favor of ~~these~~ these changes, do not vote for the acceptance of the constitution of the United Church of Christ. The ballot reads thus:-

I approve the constitution of the United Church of Christ

I do not approve the constitution of the United Church of Christ.

The voting will be held on Sunday April 30, 1961, at the Toulon Congregational Church. If you find you can not be present on this day, write  Toulon, Ill. for an absentee ballot.

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**MORE INTERESTING TO CHILDREN**

# Church Leaders Revise Sunday School Christ, Disciples Presented in Modern-Day Scene

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 17 (AP)—Jesus and His disciples were portrayed in highly unconventional portraits today as modern figures clad in casual shirts and clam-digger type slacks. And there are many other bold departures from the traditional images, which show the master and his men in flowing robes or long loose tunics of antiquity. In the old style pictures the

beards of Christ and His followers are full and of classical contours; the hair falls nearly to the shoulders, or is luxuriant mane. Now the beard is slight, hardly more than a tuft, and the hair is no longer than that of the popular notion of an esthete. It is all part of a program by the United Church of Christ to make Sunday school more inter-

esting to children, to make Bible pictures come alive. **FIRST UNIT PREVIEWED** Church leaders have spent eight years and a million dollars on the development of the new curriculum. The first unit, for children three to six, is being previewed—with classes testing the new ideas—at a workshop sponsored by the Pennsylvania, New York and Potomac Synods.

of the Evangelical and Reformed Christian and the Congregational Christian Conference of Pennsylvania. The United Church of Christ was formed by the union of the Evangelical and Reformed church with the General Council of the Congregational Christian churches. The Old Testament prophets the patriarchs, the kings and psalmists, also have a mid-20th century look in this new approach to religious education. Bible stories are retold in nursery rhyme fashion. Here is the simple, down-to-earth way of leading the quite young into the wonder of the nativity:  
"The cow munches hay;  
The horse stomps his feet in his stall.  
And gray donkey watches them all.  
That's how it was the first Christmas."

The pictures of Bethlehem, of the crowded inn and of the stable steamy from the breath of cattle and sheep, are in keeping. There are no wise men bearing gifts, no flights of angels. The accent is on the manger, the domestic animals. That is because children grow up with gentle animals, make them a part of their lives. Thus the children are made to feel more personally involved in the stories. **DIRECTOR EXPLAINS** The Rev. Allen Kroehler, of Philadelphia, director of children's work for the church, said: "The three-to-six-year-olds are creatures of the here and now. They understand best their own immediate experiences. They have little sense of time and space. They are not skilled with words, and have almost no ability to deal with abstractions. "We have found that children

cannot accept the old pictures, which are formal, often grim, unrelated to what the children know as reality. The new pictures, always colorful, always reverent, of course, have a simplicity of feature that appeals to youngsters. We have smiling faces in these new books instead of the old austerity so strange to a child."



**THAT'S CHRIST** wearing clamdigger-type pants. It is one of the pictures in the new Sunday School books put out by the United Church of Christ in Lancaster, Pa. The church is revamping its Bible pictures in a million-dollar change of curriculum in an effort to modernize for what church officials call a better understanding of Bible teachings.